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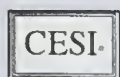
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# What has—and hasn't—changed

**P**art of my remarks at the 2008 Senior Closing and Graduation—my last after 24 years at Selwyn House—were personal observations on what has changed at the school in that time.

I enumerate some, but by no means all, of the elements that I believe have helped the school move forward:

- There is far greater diversity in the student population.
- French is no longer simply a course of study; it is embedded in the life of the school.
- There is gender balance in the faculty, and women occupy positions of responsibility and authority.
- There has been a huge expansion of opportunities for students, academic, athletic and extracurricular.
- Individual attention for students is a given.
- There is openness to new ideas, to experimentation and to investing in compelling initiatives.

I believe the school has good reason to be confident that it is preparing our students well for the future they are in the process of inheriting.

In impressive ways, we have addressed the facility needs of the school and with our ongoing and successful efforts to increase our endowment, we have given the school a strong foundation upon which to build.



Headmaster Will Mitchell

**“It is the people who make great institutions. It has been my privilege to have worked with many of the best.”**

What has not changed in 24 years?

I believe what has not changed is our commitment to developing strong programs, to encouraging great teachers, to earning the support of parents, and to the need of engaged governance.

No head of school I know has had the benefit

of the quality and competence of better boards of directors than I have, and I am grateful.

These are things that have not changed and must not change as the school looks to a new era under new and competent leadership when Mr. Hal Hannaford takes over direction of the school on January 1, 2009.

As I have found, Mr. Hannaford will find that it is the people who make great institutions. It has been my privilege to have worked with many of the best. My most sincere thanks go to my professional colleagues.

The common trait among them I most admire and respect is a profound decency that I would not have wanted to miss in my professional life, and for that, also, I am grateful.

# Founder's Day launches full year of Centennial Celebration



Leonard Schlemm '29 and Justin-Harry Burdman-Castravelli 2019 cut the ribbon to formally begin the Centennial Celebration.

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**F**ounder's Day 2007 marked the beginning of a year-long series of events unlike anything ever seen at Selwyn House. Founded in 1908, the school has now embarked upon a full year of Centennial Celebration to mark its first century of academic excellence.

A full house of approximately 130 people turned out on November 22 in the year's first snowstorm to help bestow the school's highest honour, the Speirs Medal, to Ellen Pinchuk, art teacher from 1970-2005.

"For thirty-five years, Ellen Pinchuk was the heart and soul of art education at Selwyn House," said Middle School Director Carol Manning. "Her ability to encourage young boys, emerging adolescents, and full-blown adolescents with both grace and humour was remarkable. No other

The Old Boys Association added five teachers to its gallery of staff members who have served the school for 25 years. (More on page 36.)

The Centennial launch then commenced with two ceremonies. First was the unveiling of *Selwyn House School - Celebrating 100 Years*, a large-format commemorative book recapping memories of the Selwyn House experience over the past century. (More on page 32.)

At this point in the program, the school's oldest Old Boy, Leonard Schlemm Sr. of the Class of '29, was joined by the school's youngest student, Justin-Harry Burdman-Castravelli 2019, to cut the ribbon to officially begin the year of celebration.

For more photos of Founder's Day and the Centennial launch, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

**"No teacher epitomizes excellence in instruction more than does Ellen Pinchuk."**

teacher in the school has ever taught such a range of students, and she did it so wisely and so well."

"No teacher epitomizes excellence in instruction more than does Ellen Pinchuk," said Headmaster Will Mitchell. "Her knowledge was profound, her preparation was thorough and her approach was up-to-date."

"I was always proud to be part of a school that recognized students' accomplishments in so many different disciplines and that gave them opportunities to realize their full potential," said Ms. Pinchuk. "It would be a very boring world if we were all the same."



Middle School Director Carol Manning (left) and SHS Board Chairman Ted Claxton '73 present the Speirs Medal to Ellen Pinchuk.

# Centennial EVENTS



David Culver '39 with his grandson Charles 2018 at the Elementary Grandparents' Tea



Tuyen Ta 2009 and Jordan Altman 2005 at the 2008 Selwyn House Jazz Cabaret

Nov. 22: Founder's Day & Centennial Celebration Launch  
Centennial Endowment Campaign launch  
Centennial book launch

Dec. 6-7: Bantam and Senior Hockey Tournaments

Dec. 7: Basketball showcase vs. LCC at SHS

Dec. 21: Old Boys' Hockey Tournament

Jan. 25-26, 2008: Selwyn House Curling Bonspeil

Feb. 6: 100th day of school

Feb. 15: Elementary Hockey Tournament

Feb. 16-17: Midget and Juvenile Basketball Tournament

Feb. 19-21: Teacher Appreciation Week

Feb. 28: Old Boys' New York Reunion

March 8 : March Break Trip to England and France

March 13: Old Boys' London Reunion

April 17: Latin Nights Gala

April 30: Pen Pal visit

May 1: Selwyn House Fair featuring art by former faculty

May 7: Jazz Cabaret featuring Old Boy stars from the past

May 8: Old Boys' Toronto Reunion

May 16: Graduation Dinner and Dance

May 21: Athletic Banquet at the Montreal Athletic Assoc.

May 26: 10th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

June 4: Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea

June 19: Prizegiving

**More about the above memorable events at**  
**[www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)**

## Events still to come:

Sept. 18: Terry Fox Run and Spirit Day

Celebrate community spirit with a special guest speaker.

Oct. 2 Pen Pal Visit

## Oct. 2: Centennial Conference—Educating Youth for Global Responsibility

Two panels moderated by Royal Orr. The first will highlight individuals who are professionally involved in human rights work, including such speakers as Alexandre Trudeau, Director of Canada World Youth and Emily Bass, a member of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition. The second panel highlights individuals who are using their careers to help make a difference in the world. There will also be a special presentation by Alusine Bah, a former child soldier in Sierra Leone who is now a Concordia student.

## Oct. 3-5: Centennial Old Boys' Homecoming Weekend and 30th Annual Reunion in Montreal

Nov. 6: Old Boys' Ottawa Reunion

Nov. 11: Remembrance Day

The school would like to remember Selwyn House veterans. If you are, or have any information on, an Old Boy who is a veteran, please contact Vanessa Valente, Centennial Celebration Coordinator at 514-931-9481 ext. 2292 or via e-mail at [valentev@selwyn.ca](mailto:valentev@selwyn.ca).

**November 25: Pen Pal visit**

Last chance for Old Boys to meet their student pen pals.

**November 26: Founder's Day and Centennial Closing**

Join us in bringing the Centennial Year to a celebratory close.

**All year: Environment Project**

As part of the Centennial Celebration, the Elementary School this year embarked on a journey towards "greening" Selwyn House by educating the community and changing our patterns of living within the school. We pledged on our 100 birthday to complete 100 environmental activities by the end of the Centennial year, which qualifies us to receive a SEEDS Foundation Green School Award.

# Hal HANNAFORD appointed new HEADMASTER

**S**elwyn House School Board of Directors announced on January 8 that Hal Hannaford has been chosen to become the school's new headmaster. Mr. Hannaford will succeed Will Mitchell, effective January 1, 2009.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Hannaford has been headmaster of Royal St. George's College (Grades 3-12) in Toronto. Before that, he was headmaster of Kingsway College School, an elementary school also in Toronto, from 1989 to 1996.

Ted Claxton '73, Chairman of the Selwyn House Association Board of Directors, has the following to say about Mr. Hannaford: "Under his leadership, Royal St. George's College, one of the country's premier independent schools for boys, with an enrolment of 440 students, has significantly enhanced its academic standards with 85 per cent of its graduating class receiving Ontario Scholar Certificates. Keys to its success have been the recruitment of first-rate administrators and faculty and the strengthening of the school's financial position. During his tenure, Royal St. George's College has benefited from an \$8-million capital program, and annual giving has grown from \$90,000 to \$600,000.

"In addition to his experience and his impressive track record, Mr. Hannaford brings to Selwyn House a deep commitment to boys' education and to the principles underlying Selwyn House's existing mission and values; a sensitivity to Quebec and a commitment not only to enhancing our French-language programs but to graduating students who are both bilingual and bicultural; a proven capacity to attract and retain the best faculty; strong communications skills; and management experience."

Mr. Hannaford is a graduate of Lower Canada College, has an MBA from INSEAD, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto, a Bachelor of Commerce from Concordia University and previously attended Queen's University.

Hal and his wife, Susan, are both native Montrealers. They have two children, Alisse and Reid.

"We are confident that Mr. Hannaford has the vision and the leadership skills to ensure that Selwyn House continues to



Susan and Hal Hannaford

**Mr. Hannaford brings to Selwyn House a deep commitment to...the principles underlying Selwyn House's existing mission and values.**

be an outstanding school and is well positioned to meet the challenges ahead," said Mr. Claxton.

"We are pleased and indeed grateful that William Mitchell has agreed to stay on as Head until January 2009," he added.

"Please join me in welcoming Hal and Susan in their return home to Montreal and in welcoming the Hannafords and their children into the Selwyn House Community."



Hal receives his SHS tie.

# LATIN NIGHTS

## raises \$1.45M for endowment, charity



From left: Mark and Lisa Smith, Bob and Anna Gainey, representing the Gainey Foundation

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**M**ore boys than ever before will be able to afford a first-class education, thanks to the generosity of the Selwyn House School community. A gala fundraiser held on April 17 raised \$1,450,168 to increase the school's endowment, a portion of which goes to provide financial assistance for deserving students.

Under the theme "Latin Nights," the gala was the festive highlight of a year of activities to mark the school's 100th birthday. In addition to helping ensure that the school will be able to keep its doors open to an increasingly diverse student population, funds from the evening were donated to local community charities. This year, five per

cent of the proceeds from Latin Nights were divided between the Montreal Children's Hospital and CHU Sainte-Justine; a further five per cent went to the Gainey Foundation.

In proposing his toast to the school, Ted Claxton, Chairman of the Selwyn House Board of Directors, gave special credit to retiring Headmaster Will Mitchell. "I like to think of this school as the place that Will built," he said. "Ninety-five per cent of the changes that have taken place here over the past several years are because of him."

The following day, Mr. Mitchell pointed out that the school had almost tripled its fundraising objectives for the night. "The proceeds from the evening, together with amounts either held by the school or pledged during our campaign, bring our endowment to \$12.65M. This success will go a long way to secure the financial strength of the school in enrolling worthy students, in attracting great teachers and in meeting challenges and in taking advantage of future opportunities," he said.

More photos at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

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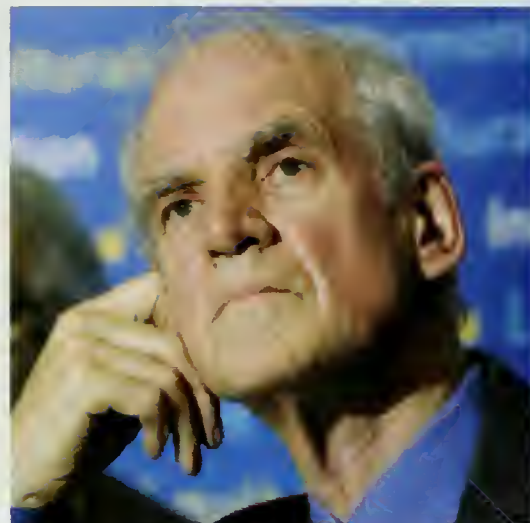
More than a year in preparation by dozens of volunteers, teachers and staff led by Selwyn House parent Lisa Smith, "Latin Nights" was a logistical triumph. The school's Coristine Hall was decorated as a Latin marketplace, while the Macaulay gym had been transformed into a spectacular scene for a gourmet dinner and live auction of the most coveted prizes imaginable, from sports memorabilia and backstage concert tickets to world-class travel packages. Auctioneer for the evening was Hal Hannaford, who will be taking over as headmaster on January 1, 2009.

After the dinner and auction, all 400 guests



Teachers Catherine Lumsden and Claudine Martel perform a salsa dance.

# Charles Taylor wins the Japanese Nobel



Montreal Gazette photo

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

It has been a year of incredible accomplishment for McGill philosophy professor Charles Taylor '46. On June 20 it was announced that he will receive the Kyoto Prize, an international award that honours significant contributions to the scientific, cultural and spiritual development of humanity. Sometimes referred to as "the Japanese Nobel," the Inamori Foundation says the US \$460,000 prize was bestowed upon Charles for "constructing a social philosophy that actively pursues the harmonious existence of diverse cultures."

They must have been reading Canadian newspapers, where Charles has been front-page news for months as co-chair of the "Reasonable Accommodation" hearings, a government commission struck to study how immigrants are integrated into Quebec society. The commission's report, released May 22, threaded its way through a minefield of sensitive cultural issues, recommending measures to allow for the expression of ethnic identities within a secular state.

A subject Charles knows well. His 800-page magnum opus *A Secular Age*, the culmination of a lifetime of world-renowned scholarship, became an unlikely bestseller when it was released last September into a literary market hungry for debate over the role of religion in society. The book sheds a great deal of light on how a practicing Catholic can author a government report recommending that the crucifix be removed from the National Assembly and that government officials be forbidden to wear ethnic attire on the job.

The Kyoto Prize marks the second time Charles has struck gold in recent months. In March of 2007 he received the Templeton

Prize, the largest cash prize that can be given to an individual. Worth US \$1.5 million, the Templeton Prize is awarded for having helped bridge the gap between spirituality and modern science.

Winning these prizes puts Charles in very select company. Previous recipients of the Kyoto include primate specialist Jane Goodall and linguist Noam Chomsky; Templeton laureates include Mother Teresa and Dr. Billy Graham.

Born in 1931 in Montreal, Charles attended Selwyn House from 1941 to 1946. He received a BA in history from McGill, and won the Rhodes Scholarship that took him to Oxford, where he earned a second BA and a PhD in philosophy. He returned to McGill to teach, but has also held professorships at other universities in the U.S., Britain and Germany.

Outside the academic community, Charles is remembered in Montreal for having run unsuccessfully in four federal elections on the NDP ticket. In 1965 he finished second to a political upstart named Pierre Trudeau. The two men were friends who often debated political issues, particularly Quebec's role as a distinct society.

But it has been Charles' academic accomplishments, outlined in some 300 papers and books that have led to his being regarded as one of the most influential philosophers working today. Known for his ability to synthesize disparate ideas, Charles has long argued that "the barriers between science and spirituality are not only ungrounded, but are also crippling."

Charles is also a recipient of the *Prix Long-Grin*, a grand officer in the Order of Quebec and a companion of the Order of Canada.



Charles at SHS in 1946

# Michael Goldbloom appointed Principal of Bishop's

It was announced on June 27 that Michael Goldbloom '69, former Chairman of the Selwyn House Board of Directors, will be the new principal and vice-chancellor of Bishop's University for a five-year term beginning in August.

"The search committee was unanimous in its recommendation to the Bishop's community and the Corporation," said Dr. Robert "Squee" Gordon, President of the Bishop's Board and Chair of the Search Committee. "Michael Goldbloom's track record as a proven and committed leader, his excellent personal skills, his strong credibility with the Quebec Government and his deep roots in Quebec, make him the ideal Principal to guide Bishop's University during this period of great change in Canadian higher education."

Gordon said the new principal will face many challenges in reinvigorating the Eastern Townships institution, which has struggled with declining enrollment and financial turmoil in recent years.

After Selwyn House, Michael studied at Williston Academy and earned a BA and degrees in civil and common law at McGill. He began his professional career in 1981 as a labour lawyer at Martineau Walker (now Fasken Martineau).

Michael became President and CEO of the Montreal YMCA Assoc. in 1991, and president of Alliance Quebec

in 1985. In 1994 he became publisher of *The Gazette*, a position he held until 2001. In 2003 he was named deputy publisher of the *Toronto Star* becoming publisher a year later. In 2007 he was appointed Vice-Principal (Public Affairs) and Senior Fellow in Media and Public Policy at McGill.

"I am honoured, and particularly drawn to the challenge and responsibility of helping to ensure that Bishop's continues as a healthy, dynamic, and respected institution in Quebec," Michael said in response to his appointment. "I have a profound belief, rooted in personal experience, in the unique and critical value of a liberal arts education in a residential setting. I look forward to working with our dedicated faculty and staff to ensure that Bishop's continues to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students."



## Paul Mayer named to Superior Court



Selwyn House Old Boys' Association President Paul Mayer '74 has been appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec, it was announced on June 19 by Hon. Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. A lawyer with Fasken Martineau in Montreal, Mr. Justice Mayer replaces Madam Justice N. Morneau (Montréal) who resigned.

Paul earned a Bachelor of Arts from Trent University in Peterborough in 1979, a Bachelor of Law from McGill University in Montreal in 1983, and a Doctorate in Law from Aix en Provence, France in 1985. He was admitted to the Bar of Quebec in 1986. Paul worked as a lawyer with Lafleur, Brown, De Grandpré from 1985 to 1987 and with Martineau Walker (now Fasken Martineau) from 1987 to 1997, becoming an associate with that firm in 1997. He was Chairman of the Board of the Fonds d'indemnisation du courtage immobilier (FICI). Paul is recognized for his expertise in commercial leasing and the sale, purchase and development of commercial properties. His appointment to the bench is effective immediately.

Paul's appointment requires that he step down as president of the Old Boys' Association, where he has been replaced by David Skinner '82, acting president.



## Penner hits the Top 40 under 40

**S**elwyn House Board Member Michael Penner '86 has been named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40, a national award given each year to Canada's young leaders. The president of Richelieu Legwear, Michael was given the award in early May at a ceremony in Toronto.

Michael was nominated for the award by Selwyn House classmate Vincent Guzzo '86. "Since assuming the leadership of the company in 2002, Michael has re-energized Richelieu, bringing it back from the precipice by changing its strategic direction and revitalizing its management team," said Vince, Executive Vice-President of Cinémas Guzzo and a past winner of the award.

This is the 11th year of the Top 40 Under 40, an annual award organized by executive search firm The Caldwell Partners International. The honourees

are drawn annually from an initial list of 1,200 to 1,400 nominations from across Canada.

Prior to the award, Michael had been featured in a Montreal *Gazette* article on the downturn experienced by Montreal's clothing manufacturers since the lifting of import quotas. Richelieu Legwear is a 75-year-old manufacturing business bought by Michael's father in 1997. In the new millennium, in danger of losing major accounts, the company had to re-invent itself, outsourcing manufacturing overseas and reducing its local workforce.

## Schlemm's fitness career makes news

**S**elwyn House alumni parent Leonard Schlemm was the subject of a feature story in the May 10 business section of the Montreal *Gazette*.

As co-founder of a chain of more than 400 fitness centres around the world with annual revenues in excess of \$1 billion, the 55-year-old marathon runner and elite cyclist was described as "one of Montreal's most prosperous and well-connected businessmen."

Working as a consultant in San Francisco, Leonard bought the local fitness club where he was a member. Before long, he and his partner were buying up many of their competitors. Renamed 24 Hour Fitness, the chain grew across the country and around the world, and was recently valued at \$1.6 billion U.S.

Returning to his native Montreal in 1991, Leonard bought the Atwater Club, where he played as a youth and where his father, Leonard Sr., a champion squash player, was a charter member. With Montreal Canadien Stéphane Quintal on board, he expanded the Mansfield Club to the West Island and is planning to build the Montreal Canadiens' new training centre in Brossard.

When his company turned down a plan to build centres in Russia, Leonard found partners and built 56 centres to serve an untapped market of 145 million sports-minded Russians. Recognizing the marketing potential of celebrity athletes, he launched a chain in Germany with tennis star Steffi Graf as a partner, and one in Vancouver with NBA star Steve Nash.

Montreal Canadiens President Pierre Boivin, a longtime friend, describes Leonard as "a very strong community man and a generous supporter of many causes." This was evident at Selwyn House last year, when Leonard and his family donated 16 new machines to re-equip the fitness centre in the school's Macaulay Building.



The Schlemms, Leonard, Sandra and Tyler 2008



# Humanitarian, environmental projects led to Rhodes Sniderman

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Since he graduated from Selwyn House, Andrew Sniderman 2001 has been involved in humanitarian and environmental initiatives that have gained attention and garnered praise from high places. Rather than interfering with his academic life, these pursuits may have contributed to his being offered a Rhodes Scholarship this past November.

His example bears out the claim that the Rhodes Trust not only looks at academic record, but selects candidates who show “sympathy for and protection of the weak,” and “instincts to lead, and to take an interest in, one’s fellow beings.”

*Veritas* readers may know that Andrew co-founded the Genocide Intervention Network in 2004, while maintaining his studies at Swarthmore College. A student-led initiative, GI-Net gained the support of Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire for inventing a way to mobilize private citizens to come to the aid of victims of genocide.

Sudanese genocide has resulted in the deaths of more than 380,000 people and displaced almost 3 million, according to some reports. The United Nations has described it as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today.

“As frightening as it is to look at the problem, it’s even more frightening to look away,” Andrew says.

He and his compatriots delivered speeches across the United States and helped oversee a national lobbying, mobilization and fundraising effort looking at the option of private intervention in the Darfur region of Sudan.

“We wanted to shame the world into acting,” says Andrew.

In the spring of 2005 GI-Net launched its

100 Days of Action campaign, in which 300 students lobbied U.S. senators to support the African Union, a UN-authorized force that GI-Net says has “the will to intervene but not the resources.” Several senators said they were moved and inspired by the students, and Harvard University broke from tradition by divesting itself of shares in a company that supports the government of Sudan.

The Genocide Intervention Network has gone on to raise millions of dollars, now boasts a staff of 17, and counts actress Angelina Jolie among its active supporters.

“As frightening as it is to look at the problem, it’s even more frightening to look away.”

“I’ve also been working in Canadian Parliament in a fellowship program where my working group is trying to convince the Canadian government to issue a ‘Green Bond,’ a modern-day war bond that would fund sustainable energy infrastructure projects,” says Andrew.

In the December 28, 2007 *Globe and Mail*, Jeffrey Simpson said the Green Bond concept has enjoyed “a phenomenal rise up the policy ladder for an idea coming from so far outside the system.” Simpson cites a poll in which 62 per cent of Canadians said they would buy Green Bonds, and says the Harper government likes the “political optics” of the plan. “But they better act fast before another party grabs the idea.”

## Selwyn House Rhodes Scholars

Name	Class of
Henri G. Lafleur	'22
Christopher Eberts	'26
Percival T. Molson	'35
Hew Scott	'41
David Wanklyn	'39
James Paterson	'41
Charles Taylor	'46
Ralph C. S. Walker	'59
Daniel Wilner	2001
Andrew Sniderman	2001

# Old Boy finds the personal touch works better in the 3rd World



By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

“There’s life outside Westmount,” Andy Rosenhek 2002 reminds us. Most people in developing countries don’t have access to such privileges as a Selwyn House education. In fact, the orphans of Tanzania often can’t afford education at all, and Andy is helping to change that.

Andy has spent his last few years obtaining a degree in psychology from McGill and is weighing his options for law school. But he sees this as a stepping stone to a career in international development, a passion he acquired from his travels.

On a visit to India he saw a beggar at the Taj Mahal with no arms or legs. Sometimes parents deliberately cripple their children so they can beg, he was told. That’s when it hit him: “It’s time to do something.”

Through an online organization, Andy found a project in Tanzania and decided to volunteer. A short time later he found himself in a small rural village in the northeastern part of the Arumeru district on the slopes of Mount Meru. There, a local man named Unambwe Zephania Kaaya, who works part-time as a safari guide, had launched the Matunda Cultural Tourism Project two years ago to build a schoolhouse and orphanage for 50 children.

Andy lived there for more than a month, teaching the children and sharing the locals’ rough living conditions, with a shower that consisted of a bucket of water and a cup, and a toilet that was nothing more than a hole in the ground. “Most of the houses we visited were one-room huts of sticks and mud,” he says.

But he fell in love with the people there, and he realized that it would be relatively easy to make their lives so much better.

When Andy and Mr. Kaaya compared notes, they realized that very little of the money donated by people in the developed world ever

reaches its target. Most of it is siphoned off to cover excessive administration costs. “It’s hard to make it go directly to the source of the problem,” Andy says.

Back home in Canada, Andy set a personal goal to finish what he started in Africa. He discovered a Web-based organization called [givemeanings.com](http://givemeanings.com), which channels cost-effective relief for such projects. Andy has now raised \$12,000 to complete the proposed school/orphanage. In the process, he became convinced that individual efforts can accomplish more than wasteful bureaucracies.

{ “Philanthropy does not need to be something that only the rich can participate in.” }

Andy is promoting a concept known as “The \$5 philanthropist,” in which a large number of small donations can be more effective than a few large ones. “For the price of a coffee, you can do great things,” he says. “Philanthropy does not need to be something that only the rich can participate in. With enough social networking and awareness-raising, the money adds up to a lot and can be used to do a lot of good.”

He is developing his own website to create a worldwide social network of volunteers who can share their experiences with one another and put interested volunteers in touch with grassroots organizations. “The aim is to cut out the middlemen,” he explains, “who are all the large, for-profit organizations that send people all over the world to do volunteer work, but the money never reaches the actual projects.”

# Keith Martin biking across Canada to fight MD



Keith leaves BC, heading east.

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**M**uscular Dystrophy is a disabling condition? Tell that to MD sufferer **Keith Martin 2002**, who is undertaking a cross-Canada bicycle trip to help himself and others fight this crippling disease.

Now studying engineering physics at the University of British Columbia, Keith and four friends are spending their summer biking across Canada to raise money to fight MD. The five bikers left UBC in mid-May, heading to St. John's, Newfoundland, camping and staying in B&Bs along the way. Their goal is to raise

some MD sufferers, being mostly confined to his upper body and face. The condition gives him a slightly crooked smile and a bit of a limp.

MD also makes it impossible for Keith to lift his arms above his head, which may surprise friends who know him as an avid golfer who hit a hole-in-one at Knowlton in 2001 and played in past Alumni and Friends Golf Tournaments.

"Muscular Dystrophy definitely affects my golf game," Keith admits. "I'm still able to play at a good club level with a 10 handicap, but I definitely can't get the power in my game that I would normally have. Still, there's a lot to be said for being consistent and having a good short game, so that's what I rely on more, rather than my length."

When Keith got the idea of raising money for Muscular Dystrophy Canada, friends Brian Sprague and Mike McDonald suggested a cross-country bike trip. They were soon joined by schoolmates Jonathan Eric Taves and Patrick Cuthbert.

"Not only was it personal for me, but I also felt that we could be very successful," Keith says.

The team has set up a website at [www.movingmusclesride.ca](http://www.movingmusclesride.ca) and are posting to their blog as the ride progresses. By the time they had reached Montreal, the team had raised \$123,300, surpassing their original goal of \$100,000.

Sponsors of Moving Muscles Ride 2008 are: Bombardier; Specialized; Colby, Monet, Demers, Delage, and Crevier; McLean Budden Investment Managers; London X-Ray Associates; Sentry Select Capital Corp; MacDougall, MacDougall and MacTier; MacDougall Investment Counsel; and Reitman's Canada.

**"My hope is that I will be able to, at best, maintain my current lifestyle by constant movement...."**

\$100,000 to help fund research into MD.

The Moving Muscles Ride 2008 may prove exhausting for Keith. The disease saps his strength. But, even though there is no cure, his doctors say the best therapy is to keep active. "I'm lucky, as other sufferers are confined to a wheelchair or a bed," says Keith. "My future with this disease is uncertain, because there is no cure or treatment for it. My hope is that I will be able to, at best, maintain my current lifestyle by constant movement of my muscle groups to avoid further deterioration."

Keith knew he had a physical problem since he was 14, but it was not until 2005 that it was confirmed that he had MD. Obviously, Keith's symptoms are not as pronounced as they are for

# Anders goes to HOLLYWOOD

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor



With Jennifer Aniston in Hollywood

It could be a Cinderella-story movie script. After countless discouraging setbacks, our hero, armed only with perseverance and nerve, lands a long-shot opportunity to work with the giants of Hollywood.

After attending Selwyn House and Appleby College and graduating from Bishop's University, Anders Bard '86 took a job in sales in Toronto. A two-week stint as a volunteer for the Toronto International Film Festival introduced him to the behind-the-scenes drama of making movies.

He was hooked, but his many attempts to get into the movie business in Toronto led to rejection after rejection.

He went west and enrolled in a summer program at the University of Southern California's film school, where his assignment was to interview someone in the industry. Through sheer audacity he landed an interview with Jerry Bruckheimer, who produced such successful films as *Top Gun*, *Beverly Hills Cop* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and has dominated television with *The Amazing Race*, *Cold Case* and *Crime Scene Investigation*.

This interview turned out to be the most important five minutes of Anders' career. On the spot, Bruckheimer made him an assistant at Bruckheimer Films. It was a gopher job, but it provided Anders with a front-row seat in the production end of the industry. "While I was performing the low-paid, lowbrow work of an assistant, I was also witnessing first-hand how movies such as *Gone in 60 Seconds*, *Coyote Ugly*, *Remember the Titans* and *Pearl Harbor* were being put together," he says.



With Steve Mitchell at the Nicoll Cup

Anders graduated to a position assisting Sylvester Stallone on the set of *Driven*. A year and a half later, he hooked a position with Danny DeVito's production company, Jersey Films, as an executive assistant to producer Michael Shamberg. John Hamburg, who wrote the comedies *Zoolander* and *Meet the Parents* and directed *Safe Men*, brought in a script to Jersey Films that involved actor Ben Stiller, with financial backing from Universal Studios. Hamburg chose Anders to assist him on the project. When he saw his name in the film credits as associate producer, he knew his career had taken a turn. "After four-and-a-half years, my assistant days were behind me," he recalls.

That movie was *Along Came Polly* and Anders found himself working with Jennifer Aniston, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Alec Baldwin, Debra Messing, Hank Azaria and Ben Stiller. After *Polly*, Hamburg wrote *Meet the Fockers*, and invited Anders to become a partner in a new company based at Universal.

Before long, Anders and Hamburg had four films in the works at various studios in L.A., and had shot a pilot for CBS that was picked up for six episodes, with Anders co-producing.

Anders knew he had really hit the big time when he was invited to become a full-time member of what he calls "Hockey Night in Hollywood," a Monday night pick-up game hosted by Jerry Bruckheimer. The roster includes current and former NHL players, celebrities and film and music industry bigwigs.

But, on December 21, 2007, Anders joined the ranks of the really big stars when he returned home to take part in the 10th anniversary Selwyn House Old Boys' Hockey Tournament at the Verdun Auditorium. Forget the Oscars and the Emmys—this was the Nicoll Cup!

# 1st Old Boy in NHL set for 2nd season

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

It's only the beginning for Torrey Mitchell 2002. As the first Selwyn House Old Boy ever to play in the National Hockey League, Torrey turned in an amazing rookie season with the San Jose Sharks, and is preparing himself for even bigger things this fall.

After family visits to Montana and Montreal, including an appearance at the Selwyn House Athletic Banquet, Torrey returned to Burlington, Vermont to work toward completing his university degree while maintaining a daily workout routine calculated to ensure that he hits the ice flying next season.

"I'm hoping to get stronger and faster," Torrey says. "I'll try to be in the best shape of my life for the second season. I hit the wall between games 50 and 60, and I don't want that to happen again."

At the same time, Torrey must honour a promise he made to his parents, Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell and his wife, Sheila, also a teacher. So Torrey has to keep at the books while he prepares for next season.

"It is no secret Torrey was blessed with a lot of natural ability," says Steve, "but talent can take you only so far. You must have the determination and passion to improve."

Steve says Torrey would spend every free moment—morning and night—on the family's backyard rink. "It was fun to watch," Steve says. "Torrey would make dekes and moves on stationary objects, wear his Team Canada jersey and raise his hands in the air when he scored, as if fans were packed into the backyard."

"A few people thought Torrey was too obsessed with his love for the game," says Steve. "He was considered too small by most scouts, and I know this drove him to sacrifice a lot of other activities to improve."

"But hockey and the demands of the sport



Torrey (left) celebrates his first NHL point. *Sharks photo*

always kept him humble and focused," Steve says. "He has proven to everyone he is a tremendous hockey player but to all those who know him he is also a wonderful, caring and special young man."

As the rookie who came out of nowhere, Torrey instantly struck a rapport with teammates like fellow rookie Devin Setoguchi and veteran Jeremy Roenick, who served as a mentor. "The guys were great," Torrey says. "They took me in right away and it was a lot of fun."

"I had to come in and try to make an impression right away," Torrey told *The San Jose Mercury*. "I feel like I've done that and I've just got to keep going. It's a long process."

Torrey says his top highlight from his first season wasn't October 5, when he logged his first point in only his second game, nor the highlight-reel moment on December 16 when he fell to the ice on a breakaway, only to jump to his feet and score a shorthanded goal against Anaheim.

"It was probably when I scored in a playoff game," he says. "It was so loud and it was a different atmosphere. It was pretty exciting."

Torrey was one of only four players to appear in every game for the Sharks this past season. In 82 regular-season games, he became a fixture on the Sharks' third line, along with Mike Grier and Patrick Rissmiller, posting 20 points. Among League rookies, he tied for 14th in goals (10) and tied for first in both shorthanded points (3) and shorthanded goals (2).

He also played in 13 playoff games, racking up three points, including a goal against Calgary.

Torrey ranks eighth among all forwards and eighth among all rookies. Known as a fast skater, Torrey is second on the Sharks among forwards in shorthanded time on ice per game (2:36).

# Joel Anthony here to stay in the NBA



Joel in action with the Heat

Heat photo

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**J**oel Anthony '99 has become the first Selwyn House Old Boy to play in the National Basketball Association. It was announced on October 29, 2007 that he would join the Miami Heat as a third-string centre, behind Shaquille O'Neal and Alonzo Mourning.

Joel attended Selwyn House from 1994 to 1997 and played basketball here, but had not yet grown into an outstanding player at that time. "However he could certainly jump," recalls Midget Basketball Coach Colin Boyle. After Selwyn House, Anthony attended Dawson College, where—ironically—he was cut from the basketball squad.

By the time he graduated from Florida's Pensacola Junior College in 2004, however, he had come into his own on the court. He made the first team all-conference for 2003-04, averaging 9 points, 7 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game.

At the University of Nevada in Las Vegas he really made a name for himself, helping lead the Runnin' Rebels to a 30-7 season his senior year, being named Mountain West Conference defensive player of the year and finishing second in the NCAA in shot blocking.



Joel at SHS in 1997

He was also selected to join the Canadian Senior National Team and participated with the squad in three European tours.

Joel was picked for the Miami Heat's summer league team, where he racked up 13 blocks in four games, but suffered a foot injury that left him unable to play for Canada in the 2006 FIBA Americas Championship Olympic qualifying event. Canada lost to Puerto Rico in the quarter-finals of the tournament.

Joel was not selected in the 2007 NBA entry draft, but Miami signed him to a contract soon after. How did he find out?

"I basically walked into the locker room and saw my name on the locker," he told the *Montreal Gazette*. "I was speechless."

"They only draft the top 60 players in the world, so I wasn't expecting to be taken," he said. "But now the challenge is to work hard and improve so that I am here to stay."

Joel becomes the fourth Canadian in the NBA, joining two-time league MVP Steve Nash of the Phoenix Suns, Jamaal Magloire of the New Jersey Nets and fellow Montrealer Sam Dalembert of the Philadelphia 76ers.

## All-Stars shine in Alouettes Classic

**S**even members of the Class of 2008—plus one from 2009—were on the roster for the 24th annual Montreal Alouettes Classic high school all-star football game, held on May 2. Participating from the Selwyn House Class of 2008 were: Greg Rossy, offensive tackle; Marc André Fernandes, offensive guard; Kevin Paul, place kicker and receiver; Marc Heron, cornerback; Gordon Paterson, defensive back; Evan Sequeira, running back; and Ryan Egger, defensive end. Oliver Maurovich 2009, receiver, was also scheduled but was unable to play due to injuries.

# Jon Whyte Potter-Mäl and the message of MPL



By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**H**is medium is music, but his message is hope. At age 21, **Jonathan Whyte Potter-Mäl 2003** has recorded and released CDs on his own record label, Mind Peace Love, and is expanding his business to include not only music composition and talent management, but also film production and a line of clothing.

Not bad for a young man who, four years ago, was given only a slim chance of surviving a rare form of cancer. He underwent three surgeries and intensive radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Now in remission, Jon is filled with hope for the future of the planet, the future of music, and his own future.

Classmates who saw Jon perform when he was still a student at Selwyn House knew even then that he had talent, but no one knew the obstacles that would rise up in his path, or the positive determination that he would draw upon to overcome them.

During his two years of exhausting chemotherapy, Jon kept the music flowing and maintained his positive outlook. "The treatment made me examine what was really important," he says. "I realized I didn't have all the time in the world.

"The illness put my philosophy to the test, and it has endured."

Working under the stage name Jonathan Emile, or simply Jon E., he has now released several recordings of his own original hip-hop music and remixes of songs by other artists.

In 2005 he founded Mind Peace Love Enterprises, whose name expresses the intellectual, spiritual and emotional pillars of Jon's personal philosophy. The business has grown into a "conscious art company" involving not only music, but also film production and a line of "fair-trade" clothing

that doesn't use sweatshop labour. "As westerners, we should pay more attention to the effects of our system," he says.

In 2006 Île City, a duo made up of Jon and his musical partner J-Remy, released their first CD, *Agenda Reciprocity*, and have other recordings ready for release soon. Île City has performed in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, and played for 900 spectators at the annual ball for the Montreal Children's Hospital Fund.

Île City recorded the 13-track album at Studio Piccolo in Montreal, where artists such as Madonna, Céline Dion, Smashing Pumpkins, Sum 41, Simple Plan, and Isabelle Boulay have recorded.

Meanwhile, Jon is also at work on a solo album to be out soon, and is also looking to manage, produce and write music for other local artists.

Jon's parents and two sisters are very involved in MPL. He says he is grateful to his parents, not only for "sending me to the right school," but for instilling in him the beginnings of his philosophy of life.

Selwyn House classmate Nick Tsoukas 2003 is an artist-and-repertoire man for MPL.

Jon sees his music as being very different from that of most commercial hip-hop, which, he says, is "saturated with 'gangsta' [images] and misogyny. People associate hip-hop with negativity."

The MPL approach is to make music that is "reverent and relevant." The aim is to foster revolution based on re-examination, one that is "more open, less conflicting," and that looks at everything from the three perspectives expressed in the company's name.

"I'm not consciously trying to go against the grain," he says. "I'm just doing what I like and making good music."



**Peter Zukow '87 and Trevor Ham '87**

# 150 attend Montreal Reunion

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**T**he 29th annual Old Boys' Reunion, held at the school on September 28, was the best-attended event of its kind in recent memory, with 150 Old Boys, guests, staff and former staffers attending.

Special classes for this year's reunion were: 1957 (four members present), 1977 (10 members present), 1982 (23 members present), 1987 (25 members present), 1997 (24 members present) and 2002 (two members present).

Chris Hyde '57 gave a toast to the school. "When my class attended Selwyn House, we were still on Redpath Street," he recalled, "and our schooling there ran out at Grade 9, or Fifth Form, having started in Form D in 1948."

"Many of you don't remember what the school was like in the bad old days of the 1960s," said Ted Claxton '73, Chairman of the Selwyn House Board of Directors. "But if you look around you now, the physical plant of the school is just fantastic."

OBA Past President Fil Papich '77 introduced Headmaster Will Mitchell, whom he described as "a determined man of vision." The audience gave a standing ovation for Will, who responded by giving credit to all the school's constituents, including the Old Boys. "Your expression of confidence in the school and its mission are what keeps us pushing forward to advance the school at all times."

Andrew Webster and Tim Reid, both from the Class of '82, each gave a short talk on their professional lives, as both men work for the United Nations. "I hang out with bureaucrats, diplomats, war criminals and child soldiers," Tim said. "As you can imagine, Selwyn House was a good preparation for that."

Richard Martz '97 gave a moving tribute to his classmate Colin No, who died in 2002, and

whom he described as "a friend to everyone in the class." The school has established a special endowment fund in Colin's name, which is celebrated by a basketball tournament held every January. Richard appealed to Old Boys to participate in the tournament, "so that we can make the impact on the world that Colin was destined for, but never lived long enough to realize."

The camaraderie carried on into the night, at Selwyn House and in other locales throughout the city. A number of activities organized by each class kept the celebration going throughout the weekend.

For more photos from the reunion, go to [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



**Mark Wrobel '82, Pippo de Leonardis '82, Geoffrey Canlett '82 and Grant Daly '82**

# Montreal Reunion 2007



A: Class of '57  
B: Class of '77  
C: Class of '82

D: Class of '87  
E: Class of '97  
F: Class of 2002

# Chapter Reunions

## London

By Stephen Scott '77, London Chapter Rep.

The London Chapter of the SHS Old Boys' Association has taken a new lease on life. A cocktail party, hosted by Nicholas Tingley '83 and sponsored by the Class of '83, was held on June 20, 2007. The venue was Buck's, a private members' club in the heart of Mayfair. The event was attended by over 30 Old Boys, spouses, friends and former faculty. The mood was convivial, to say the least, and it lasted well beyond the anticipated finishing hour. It was a great chance to make old acquaintances and to see how wide the reach of the school is into Europe. It is interesting to observe the adaptability of ex-SHS students to the cultural diversity that Europe has to offer. It is testament, in part, to the unique environment Selwyn House offers.

## New York

Twenty five Old Boys attended the New York Reunion on February 28 at the River Club in Manhattan. Many thanks to Michael Goldbloom '69, who attended from Montreal to discuss the political situation in Quebec and Canada; to Jody Allison '66 for hosting the event at the River Club; and to Michael Culver '67, the New York Chapter rep, for getting everyone together.



Adam Rozencajg 2001, Arnold Engel 2002, Matt Munzar 2000, Alex Black 2000 and Michael Gross 2000

This was followed up by a special Centennial event—cocktails and dinner—at Canada House on March 13, 2008. The event was attended by about 60 Old Boys, spouses, friends and current and former faculty. For many, it was our first time inside the imposing building that dominates the west side of Trafalgar Square, the nerve centre of London. Special thanks are due to Andrew Powell '45 and Nicholas Tingley '83 who worked tirelessly to make the event a reality.

Also in attendance for the cocktails were about 20 SHS students who were making their own Centennial tour of England and France with Selwyn College, Cambridge being their next destination. The students made a series of informative presentations featuring amongst other things an overview of the school's sporting prowess (how things have changed!) and a review of the school's French program delivered *dans la langue française*. It is so refreshing to hear French spoken the way it should be, rather than the refined Parisian stuff.

Dinner was excellent and featured a presentation from Headmaster Will Mitchell. It is very reassuring as an Old Boy to see continuity at the top of the school through a period of intense change and growth for the school's profile and achievements. Also on show was Nicholas Tingley '83, who made a presentation on behalf of the Old Boys to Mr. Mitchell in his last year as headmaster. Geoffrey Skinner '77 also featured with a fine piece of impromptu delivery, to the amusement of all assembled.

Afterwards, the diehards repaired to the storied Maple Leaf pub in neighbouring Covent Garden, under the careful tutelage of the venerable Brian Porter... memories aplenty.

To see photos from the reunion, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



Mark Mulroney '96 and Jason Tsadilas '88

# Chapter Reunions

## Ottawa

By Sean McKinnon '98, Ottawa Chapter Rep.

**O**n November 8, 2007 the Ottawa Chapter of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association held its annual reunion at the Metropolitan Brasserie. This year's event was another great success, with many Old Boys from different eras getting together to celebrate with outgoing Headmaster Will Mitchell on his farewell tour. Mr. Mitchell proudly informed the Old Boys about the many successes of the current Selwyn House students. It is clearly evident that he is leaving the school in outstanding shape.

The event was a great opportunity for Old Boys and past staff to rehash their old Selwyn House days, while a photo slideshow highlighted the recent architectural evolution of the Côte St. Antoine landmark.

The more venerable alumni were eager to learn whether Mr. Pat Shannon still subjects Senior School students to daily unsystematic vocabulary, or if the famous one-blade Bic used to remove illegal stubble had survived Mr. Wearing's retirement. While many were meeting for the first time, it was extremely clear that a real bond exists among Old Boys. Past staff members included Gail Gavan and Kate Angell, both of whom were fondly remembered by the Old Boys in attendance. A strong contingent of Old Boys who are now



**Sean McKinnon '98, Josh Wisenthal '96, Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001**

University of Ottawa students was present. Maurice Gibbs '90, David McKinnon '95, Asim Khan '98, Josh Wisenthal '99, Jason Tsoukas '99, and Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001 continued the festivities even after the event ended.

We look forward to having more Old Boys show up next year. Should you find yourself in the Ottawa area, please feel free to contact me at [seanamckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:seanamckinnon@gmail.com) and we'll keep you posted on the next gathering.

To see photos from the reunion, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

## Toronto

By Christopher Roper '72

**O**n the evening of May 6, 2008, a record turnout of Toronto Old Boys and friends of Selwyn House gathered to celebrate the school's Centennial. The venue: a private room at the Renaissance Toronto Hotel overlooking the Rogers Centre, where the Toronto Blue Jays were at play. The occasion also marked Will Mitchell's last Toronto reunion as headmaster. So it was a double celebration, not only of the centennial of the school, but of Will's 24 years of dedicated service.

The relaxed venue lent itself to easy camaraderie and reminiscing amongst the wide cross-section of Old Boys and friends, ranging from the Class of '39 to 2005. Given the relaxed atmosphere and the excellent view of the baseball game in progress, some concerns were expressed that the audience might be easily distracted during the course of Will's annual summary of the events and accomplishments of the school and its students.

Not to worry, Will gave a captivating account of the past school year activities and students' accomplishments in the academic, extracurricular, and sporting field. Will's comments were received with interest. At the end, Robert Paterson '41



**Ted Nash '80 and Ben Shaer '79**

spoke for all present in thanking Will for his many years of dedicated service to the school.

In keeping with the Centennial Celebration, a wide range of memorabilia was on hand and Old Boys and friends pored over the Centennial history book and purchased the very fashionable updated house ties. Hats off to Sean Sofin '84, the Toronto Chapter representative, for organizing the event and to Manlio Marescotti '77 for arranging the venue.

To see photos from the reunion, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

# Class of 2008 inducted into OBA

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**E**ven though they were months away from graduation, members of the Class of 2008 were already learning what it's like to be Old Boys.

On the evening of October 4, 2007, they became the first class to be inducted into the school's alumni organization so early in their final year. Sixty-five Grade 11 students attended a dinner in Coristine Hall, where they were joined by members of the Old Boys' Association and faculty members.

In addition to being given the full school year to learn how this exclusive organization helps move the school forward, each member of the Class of 2008 was given a chance to chat over dinner with an Old Boy who works in a profession that the student is personally interested in.

Matthew Beckerleg '94, an Old Boys' Association director,



Nicholas Powell '79 chats with Grade 11s

gave a recent graduate's perspective on the purpose of the Old Boys' Association, and how the network of Selwyn House graduates helped him get started in his professional life.

Senior School Director Shawn O'Donnell then led the induction ceremony, in which each member of the Grade 11 class came to the stage and shook hands with the OBA directors and were welcomed into the Association.

Fil Papich '77 read the names of the boys who were selected to serve as Class Representatives, to act as liaisons between the OBA and the graduates of 2008. They are: Evren Boisjoli, Anthony Depatie, Vinay Desai, Graham Hooton, David McLeod, Thomas Nichols, Denis Smirnov and David Stein.

For more photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

# Record turnout for Young Alum BBQ

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**T**he August Barbecue for Young Alumni is becoming more popular each year. A record 57 Old Boys and staff members turned out for the eighth installment of this event, which is tailored to recent graduates before they head back to university or CEGEP.

This year, the barbecue was open to graduates from the Classes of 2002-2006.

Old Boys who had not been back to the school since the construction of the Speirs Building and the extensive renovations of the Lucas Building were given tours of the school's new facilities.

Headmaster Will Mitchell gave the group an update on issues facing the school as he enters his final year as headmaster. He brought the group up to date on the Quebec Court of Appeal's ruling on Bill 104, which severely limits students' eligibility to attend English schools in Quebec.

"This is going to be a big year," Old Boys' Association President Paul Mayer '74 told the young alums. By November, Selwyn House had embarked on a year filled with activities and events to mark the school's Centennial.

To see photos from the BBQ, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



Max Rosenstein 2005, Aaron Esterson 2005  
and Ben Meadow 2004



## RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT 2007-2008 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR

Selwyn House School's objective is to prepare young men to lead balanced and productive personal and professional lives. Academic rigour is central to the Selwyn House experience, and our programs challenge students intellectually and physically while stressing a respect for honesty, fair play, and tolerance of the ideas of others.

Selwyn House has positioned itself at the forefront of Canadian education. The leadership of our administration and faculty has enabled students to attain accolades in numerous endeavours. Here is a record of accomplishments from the past year demonstrating the level of achievement to which Selwyn House students aspire.

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## MATHEMATICS

### ◆ UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Selwyn House enters all its Middle and Senior School students in mathematics contests every year. The University of Waterloo produces and sponsors these competitions and names them after well-known mathematicians. Over 1,000 schools across Canada participate in these contests. Grade 11 advanced math students were entered in the 2008 Euclid Mathematics Competition, open to Grade 12 and CEGEP students from across the country, and placed seventh provincially. In addition, all Grade 11 students wrote the Fermat contest which is designed for their grade level. Two Grade 10 students were placed on the honour roll in the Cayley Contest, and the Grade 9 team placed fifteenth out of 75 provincial teams, with one student earning a position on the honour roll.

### ◆ UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Canadian National Math League, together with the University of Windsor, also writes a contest for Middle School students. In 2008, the Selwyn House Grade 8 and Grade 7 teams finished fifth and sixth in Quebec, respectively.

### ◆ MATHEMATICS CONTESTS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary School students in Grades 4 to 6 participated in several math competitions. The Math Olympiad is a program that provides an opportunity for Elementary School students to be engaged in creative problem-solving activities that develop the ability to reason, to be logical, to be resourceful, and to be intellectually stimulated about mathematics. Throughout the winter months, 23 Grade 5 and 6 students participated in this exciting activity. Each month, students wrote an exam with five questions - the same exam that was taken worldwide by over 100,000 other students. This year Selwyn House received a "Certificate of High Achievement" for a total team score that was in the top 20 percent of all teams. Grade 6 students also participated in the QAMT (Quebec Association of Mathematics Teachers) Math Competition and took part in the Math by Mail enrichment program, sponsored by the Weizmann Institute. A student in Grade 6 scored 100 percent on the Pythagorus math test and is on the list of provincial champions. Another Grade 6 student also won an award from the Quebec Foundation for Academic Achievement for having scored in the top 25 percent of their Primary 6 and Secondary 1 annual math contest.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING / DEBATING

### ◆ QUEBEC SENIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All four Senior School students on the team won a position on the Quebec provincial team. These students then participated in the Senior National Championships where a Grade 11 student was named the top Quebec speaker.

### ◆ MARIANOPOLIS SENIOR INVITATIONAL DEBATING TOURNAMENT

Two Grade 11 students won the tournament and two Grade 10 students placed second.

### ◆ DAWSON SENIOR INVITATIONAL DEBATING TOURNAMENT

Two Grade 11 students won the tournament and two Grade 10 students placed second. Five of the top ten speakers were from Selwyn House School.

### ◆ QUEBEC JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two Grade 9 students placed third overall as a team, with one of the students placing third individually. This student was also one of six on the Quebec provincial team who went to the Junior National Championships in Newfoundland where he placed eighth as a team.

### ◆ QUEEN OF ANGELS JUNIOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Two Grade 9 students won the tournament where individually, one student placed first overall, two others placed second and third, and a fourth student placed seventh.

### ◆ STANSTEAD COLLEGE JUNIOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Two Grade 9 students won the competition. A team of two students from Grades 9 and 10 placed third. Individually, one student placed second, another placed third and another, sixth.

### ◆ QAIS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

A Grade 9 student placed third in the intermediate category of the competition.

## ESSAY COMPETITIONS

### ◆ INTERNATIONAL ROYAL COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION (MONTREAL REGION)

Students participated in this annual competition where, in the Class B category for 14- to 15-year-olds, one student was highly commended. In the Class C category for 12- to 13-year-olds, a Grade 8 student won the competition and another student was commended. In the Class D category for students under 12-years old, one Grade 5 student placed third and another was highly commended.

### ◆ QAIS ESSAY COMPETITIONS

A Grade 11 student placed third in the senior category and a Grade 9 student won the junior category.

### ◆ MCENTYRE CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Elementary and Middle School students participated in this local competition where they were awarded the following honours: third place for Grade 1; first, second, and third place for Grade 3; first and second place for Grade 5; second place for Grade 6, and an honourable mention for Grade 8.

## SCIENCE

### ◆ CRC ROBOTICS

For the seventh year running, Selwyn House School and Collège Laval have collaborated on a CEGEP and high school robotics contest for public and private schools. Twenty-four teams participated in this year's multidisciplinary bilingual contest, and Selwyn

House placed second overall. The engineering construction of the team's robot won the competition, its design placed fourth, and the robot itself finished fifth in the Port-o-Toss game. The team's website won the contest, its kiosk placed third, its video placed fifth, and its journal sixth.

◆ **CANADA WIDE VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR**

Grade 8 students entered 40 projects in this national virtual science fair which involved the participation of 70 schools across Canada. Of all the Selwyn House projects that were judged, 90 percent (36 submissions) won monetary prizes. In addition, Selwyn House students captured 37 percent of the prizes awarded at the Grade 7 and 9 levels. Six projects were given "Summa Cum Laude" awards, 16 won "Magna Cum Laude" awards, another 14 received "Cum Laude" prizes, and three were given "Cum Honore" certificates.

◆ **EXPO SCIENCES BELL - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

In the Elementary School, four Selwyn House teams participated in the Expo-Sciences Bell, a bilingual Montreal regional science fair. All teams were recognized for their effort. In particular, a Grade 4 student won a gold medal and a Grade 5 student a silver medal, with both boys winning a week's vacation at a local summer camp. Gift prizes were also awarded to the two Grade 6 teams and to a student in Grade 3.

◆ **ROBO-CUP JUNIOR**

Two Grade 6 teams participated in this provincial robotics competition. One team placed first overall, and the other team placed second in all categories.

## ARTS

◆ **DRAMA**

The Senior School Players produced *A Sly Fox*, the Middle School Veritas Players produced *Monty Python's The Holy Grail*, and the Elementary School Players, *The Jungle Book*.

◆ **JAZZ BAND**

The Selwyn House Senior Jazz Band and Jazz Storm, a combined jazz ensemble formed of the SHS Senior Jazz Band and the ECS Vocal Jazz Ensemble, competed in April at the Heritage Music Festival in Philadelphia. Both the Senior Jazz Band and Jazz Storm received gold ratings and excellent comments about their performances. These two ensembles performed at ECS and at the Selwyn House Music Department's Jazz Cabaret in May, which also featured Selwyn House's Grade 7 and 8 Jazz Bands. Playing to a packed house, the Cabaret was a tremendous success and raised funds for the YMCA's program that integrates children with special needs into summer camp.

## OTHER

◆ **NEW VENTURE FAIR**

Selwyn House hosted its sixth annual New Venture Fair for Secondary School economics students, where teams showcased their business plans to a panel of adjudicators from the business world. Selwyn House teams won the following prizes: Best Business, Most Viable, Most Original, and Best Presentation.

◆ **CANADIAN GEOGRAPHIC - GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE**

Selwyn House School hosted the provincial finals of the Geography Challenge, a fully bilingual competition involving Secondary School students from 20 Quebec schools. Topics included both Canadian and world geography.

◆ **QAIS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Held at The Priory School in March, Selwyn House Elementary School students won half the available medals: a student in Grade 1 finished second, two students in Grade 2 finished second and third; a student in Grade 3 finished third; two Grade 4 students placed first and second; two Grade 5 students finished second and third; and another Grade 6 student finished third.

◆ **QUEBEC PROVINCIAL CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A team of four Elementary School students from Grades 4 to 6 finished sixth out of 78 participating teams. The competition was held at Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf.

◆ **HISTORICA - QAIS MONTREAL REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR**

The Historica Heritage Fairs encourage students in Grades 4 to 10 to explore the history of Canada by creating their own cross-curricular projects. Six teams of Grade 6 students participated in the ninth annual QAIS Montreal Regional Heritage Fair, sponsored in part by the Historica Foundation. A team of two students won the competition and will represent Selwyn House School at the National Heritage Fair in Victoria, British Columbia. One student won the "CN award" and another received an honourable mention. In all, 38 teams representing seven local schools participated in this bilingual competition.

◆ **SACRED HEART CITIZENSHIP BEE - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

A team of three students from Grade 6 won the competition. Categories included: Montreal, Quebec, Canada, History, Culture, and Civics.

◆ **DICTÉE PAUL GÉRIN-LAJOIE - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Elementary School students from Grades 1 to 6 participated in the annual fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie Dictée PGL, a French dictation competition in aid of students in Africa and Haiti.

◆ **LE MOUVEMENT GÉNIES EN HERBE JUNIOR**

For the first time this year, 12 students from Grades 5 and 6 participated in this province-wide French language competition. Two tournaments were held during the year with students answering general-knowledge questions on topics such as: geography, art, sports, and grammar, etc. Selwyn House was the only English school that participated among the over 20 public and private schools involved. Selwyn House also hosted the finals in March 2008.

## ATHLETICS

### ◆ CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

The Selwyn House cross-country ski team won the juvenile GMAA banner.

### ◆ FOOTBALL

The Selwyn House Gryphon team won the GMAA Bantam Football Championship.

### ◆ HOCKEY

The Selwyn House Elementary School Hockey team won the Elementary Hockey League Championship. The Senior Varsity team won the Selwyn House Tournament, reached the GMAA semi-finals and won the consolation championship at the Provincial High School Championships.

### ◆ TENNIS

Selwyn House won the GMAA Tennis Team Championships at both the bantam and midget level.

### ◆ WRESTLING

The Selwyn House Gryphon Wrestling team captured the GMAA bronze medal.

### ◆ GMAA SCHOOL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Selwyn House School was recognized as a school which promotes exemplary sportsmanship (one of the top ten schools in the GMAA).

### ◆ CAHPER AWARD

For the 13th consecutive year, Selwyn House School received the CAHPER (Canadian Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) Award for a quality physical education program. This recognition is determined by the number of minutes of physical education offered in each of the school's three divisions and by the quality of instruction that is administered.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AT SELWYN HOUSE

### ◆ SENIOR SCHOOL

In the Senior School, each student is required to complete a minimum of ten community-service hours within Selwyn House and in the broader community at large. During March break 2008, for example, four Senior School students and a staff member participated in a community service project, building and repairing infrastructure in rural areas of the Dominican Republic. In addition, Senior School students participated in the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research and National Denim Day, and organized a Shave-to-Save fundraiser, raising over \$20,000 for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation. They participated in a Splash-and-Dash run and swim relay to benefit the Pediatric Oncology Ward of the Montreal Children's Hospital and took part in a Spin-a-thon for the McGill Cardiovascular Health Improvement Program for Teens. Students gathered winter clothing for the homeless, and the Senior Jazz Band raised money for the Westmount YMCA's Camp Kinema. Within Selwyn House, Senior School students also acted as Big Brothers to boys in the Elementary School.

### ◆ MIDDLE SCHOOL

At the Middle School level, community service is compulsory and usually takes place within the confines of the school. This year, students were morning greeters and helped boys to disembark from cars when they arrived in front of the school. Students also acted as "ambassadors" and Selwyn House "First Friends" for the Admission Office, assisted teachers in Elementary classrooms, maintained fish tanks, watered plants, hung artwork around the school, delivered newspapers to the library and classrooms, monitored the "Lost and Found," and were helpers at numerous school events. In addition, students in Grade 8 served lunches at Christ Church Cathedral as part of a project inspired by a novel they had read in school.

### ◆ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary School students were also actively involved in the community. They visited seniors at Fulford House, performed a concert for the Toy Tea at Ogilvy's Department Store, prepared Christmas baskets for The Women's Centre of Montreal, and organized cupcake bake sales for Unicef, World Vision, the NDG Food Depot, and Carnival Spirit. In lieu of an admission fee to the Elementary School play, *The Jungle Book*, students collected food and money for Share the Warmth. Students also collected funds for La Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie, participated in National Denim Day to raise funds for breast cancer research, and gave toys and Halloween costumes to The Covered Garden, an organization that welcomes newly-arrived Canadian immigrant families. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students were also involved in the *Lecture en Cadeau* program, in which each boy provided the funds to buy a book for a child in need. These books were then sent to their new owners with a personal dedication written by the student. Within the school, boys invited families from The Covered Garden to join them for Halloween, and Grade 4 students participated in recycling projects. Grade 6 students acted as Kindergarten buddies, participated in reading and writing activities, and helped at recess with Kindergarten to Grade 2 students in our Playground Leadership Program.

## POST SECONDARY

### ◆ PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST

On the annual PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) written in 2007 by Grades 10 and 11 students, the Critical Reading average was 74 percent, the Math 82 percent and the Writing 75 percent. In a typical year, approximately one million students write the PSAT worldwide.

### ◆ POST-SECONDARY ACHIEVEMENTS

In the last 30 years, every Selwyn House School graduate has continued with academic studies at college or university. Over the past five years, students have attended Quebec English and French CEGEP institutions in Montreal such as; Marianopolis College, Dawson College, John Abbott College, Champlain College and Collège Jean-de-Brebeuf. Selwyn House graduates have also attended the following institutions: Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Hotchkiss, Kent School, Loomis Chaffee School, Lower Canada College-Grade 12, Neuchâtel Junior College, Oxford University, Phillips Academy, Princeton University, St. Paul's School, Tabor Academy, The Taft School, Trinity College School, and Williams College.

# CENTENNIAL PROMOTIONAL ITEMS



Centennial Cap \$15



Centennial Stamps  
\$40/40 per sheet  
(Domestic only)



Athletic Patch \$5



Centennial Pin \$5



Old Boys' Centennial Silk Ties \$50 each  
Gift box of all four house colours \$180  
(students may also wear these  
with their uniform)



Centennial  
Mug \$10



Sportsbag \$45



Centennial Book \$50



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# Exciting finish to 2008 Colin No Classic

By Richard Martz '97

**W**hen the Colin No Classic Basketball Tournament was inaugurated four years ago, we had high hopes of seeing it grow into a popular annual alumni event. With 31 Old Boys participating this year on January 24 (our largest turnout to date) it appears we are well on our way.

For those who may be unfamiliar, Colin No was an SHS lifer and member of my 1997 graduating class. He passed away suddenly in the summer of 2002.

I've played in this tournament every year since its inception and, echoing a sentiment expressed by a number of Old Boys over post-mortem beer and pizza in the Rossy Agora, this was probably the most fun we've had to date.

Teams were chosen and given the school's



**Into second overtime: Dylan Brophy 2007 vs. Kevin Boyle '97**

the final game went into sudden death, with the outcome being decided by a basket from Dylan Brophy for Lucas.

The tournament serves a broad spectrum of purposes for everyone who takes part. It's a way to stay connected to the school, catch up with the ageless coaches of the SHS Phys. Ed. Department, see old friends, and maybe get to know some other alumni who walked the same halls before or after your time here.

I know that, for me and the members of my graduating class, the tournament is an important annual reminder of Colin, and an occasion that causes us to take pause, think and talk about our friend. It's a way to pay tribute to his memory and keep him very much alive in our own minds, and hopefully in others as well.

It's also a venue to raise money for the Colin No Fund, established with the goal of giving deserving students access to a Selwyn House education they would otherwise be unable to afford. This year's tournament collected an additional \$1,950, growing the fund to \$13,570 and bringing us that much closer to realizing that goal.

To see more photos from the 2008 Colin No Classic, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

**{ Still tied at the end of one-minute overtime, the final game went into sudden death, with the outcome being decided by a basket from Dylan Brophy for Lucas. }**

traditional house colours. Toby No '97 was appointed captain of the Macaulay House (Red) team; Lucas (yellow) was led by the Brophy brothers, Dylan 2007 and Sean 2004; Speirs (Blue) was led by Miguel Burnier 2003, and Wanstall (Green) was led by phys. ed. teacher Alfie Paoletti.

An exciting round robin of quality basketball was capped off by a tightly contested, double-overtime championship game, with Wanstall's yellow-clad youth ultimately prevailing over my red-hot Macaulay roster of aging 90s graduates.

Still tied at the end of one-minute overtime,

# Team Blue wins Nicoll Cup in SHOOTOUT



By Thomas D. Evans 2001

What a thrilling way to decide this year's championship team! Over 50 excited hockey players gathered on December 21, 2007 at the Verdun Auditorium for a particularly special event, the chance to compete for the coveted Nicoll Cup in the 10th annual Selwyn House Old Boys' Hockey Tournament.

Even more importantly, this year marked the final time that Will Mitchell would play in the SHS Old Boys' Hockey Tournament as headmaster.

Along with solid, veteran players such as Steve Mitchell and Mike Maurovich, Mr. W. Mitchell's Team Green skated its way to the championship final against the powerhouse Team Blue. Led by a line of Kerners and a spectacular goaltending show by Velos J. Christou '92, the Blues easily cruised into the final, allowing only one goal against in the entire tournament.

Although Team Blue seemed to be a heavy favourite, Team Green's impenetrable defence

shut the Blues' offence down and, after finishing in a scoreless draw, forced a shootout. After all was said and done, Team Blue emerged victorious extending their unbeaten streak to claim the 2007 Nicoll Cup.

Once the on-ice action had died down, the players gathered upstairs for pizza and refreshments as well as an award and prizegiving ceremony. Everyone got a chance to talk to current and retired staff, namely Tom Nicoll and Rob Wearing. What a great way to catch up with old friends and meet new faces.

{ Mr. W. Mitchell's Team Green skated its way to the championship final against the powerhouse Team Blue. }



The Kerners from left: Avi Steinberg (son-in-law), Jamin '94, Skip (alumni parent) and Matthew '92

Once again, Kelli Poulin, Courtney Prieur, Steve Mitchell and Jaime McMillan managed to host another hugely successful and fun day of hockey. Many thanks to everybody who took part in planning, volunteering and participating in this memorable event. Having been captain of last year's victorious Reds, I'll be attempting to complete a three-peat next year!

To see more photos from the 2007 Nicoll Cup, go to [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



Michael Penner '86 on the 14th hole

# 10th annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament makes a long drive for endowment, charity

**T**wice as big as ever before, the 10th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament was an overwhelming success, raising \$377,000 for endowment, with a portion also going to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

In the eight years since this tournament has been devoted to this purpose, it has raised over \$1 million for the Selwyn House Old Boys' Endowment Fund.

The weather was overcast on Monday, May 26, nevertheless it did not prevent nearly 200 golfers from coming out to Royal Montreal Golf Club on Ile Bizard in time for a buffet lunch prior to the shotgun start at 12:30.

Both 18-hole courses at RMGC challenged the golfers, with Jeffrey Barkun 2003 being the Old Boys' low-gross winner with a 3-under-par 68 on the Blue Course. Throughout the day, six Grade 11 students videotaped the golfers, with the results on screen during dinner.

This year, a special category for school staff was won by Headmaster Will Mitchell, who carded a low gross of 90 on the Blue Course.

As dinner approached, all players and guests were piped into the dining room. During the meal that followed, a few speeches were given, awards were presented and a live auction was held, raising nearly \$50,000.

Master of ceremonies William Daly '52, co-chair and founder of the tournament, welcomed everyone, thanking the sponsors, many of whom have supported this tournament for eight years, and the Selwyn House staff for organizing the event. He then introduced his co-chair, Michael Penner '86, who helped in handing out some of the prizes (assisted by Centennial Major

Benefactor Alan Rossy '79), and assisted auctioneer Michael Avedesian '88 on some of the live auction items.

This year's tournament had a special significance as part of Selwyn House School's Centennial year celebration. On the roster of golfers for the day were Montreal Canadiens forward and Selwyn House parent Alex Kovalev, as well as Lorne Rubenstein, golf columnist for the *Globe and Mail* and author of many books on the sport, who addressed the assembled golfers and guests. Also present and playing were 22 of the 41 golfers who participated in the school's first tournament, held in Hemmingford in 1999.

For more photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



Headmaster Mitchell, Tournament Co-Chair William Daly '52, Old Boys' Association President Paul Mayer '74 and Selwyn House Board Chair Ted Claxton '73 with the proceeds

# 9th Annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament

one for the **ages**



Marc Schwarz 2001

Competitors from four different decades spanning more than half a century of Selwyn House history were represented in the winners' circle at the Ninth Annual Selwyn House Old Boys' Tennis Tournament, held at the Hillside Tennis Club on June 17.

Winners were Stefan Papich 2006 and Colin Ross '51. Runners-up were Roberto Bellini '97 and Clive Hooton '73.

With 55 years between their ages, Stefan and Colin were the youngest and oldest competitors, respectively.

This is the third time Colin has won the tournament.

Twenty-two Old Boys and staff members took part in the tournament, which was followed by a dinner at the club.



At right, Jamie Ritchie '88



Eric Martz 2002



From left: Roberto Bellini '97, Clive Hooton '73, Stefan Papich 2006 and Colin Ross '51



# Centennial Endowment Campaign

**A**t Founder's Day on November 22, Ted Claxton '73, Chairman of the Selwyn House Board of Directors, announced that a new Centennial Endowment Campaign has been set up to increase the school's endowment to \$20M from the current \$4.5M, to enable the school to extend financial assistance to any deserving student.

This had been foreshadowed by Ted at the Old Boys' Reunion the previous September. Improvements to the school buildings had been made possible by a \$18-million Capital Campaign, Ted reported. In the future, however, the focus of fundraising will shift from physical improvements to increasing endowment for financial assistance. The school must have \$340,000 invested in endowment in order to generate the interest necessary to pay a full scholarship for a deserving student, Ted explained.

Headmaster Will Mitchell also spoke about the importance of increasing endowment. "Right now," he said, "we have 10 to 12 per cent of our students on financial assistance, with \$300,000 allotted. Our plan is to increase our endowment from \$4.5M to \$20M so that we can have financial assistance increase from \$600,000 to \$800,000, reaching 20 per cent of our population. That will contribute to the diversity of the school, and I think that I would not have been comfortable being the headmaster of a school like Selwyn House had the school not had a commitment to achieving this goal."

"We are convinced that Selwyn House can only continue as a leader among independent schools if we work together to build on its existing financial strengths," wrote Centennial Endowment Campaign Co-Chairs France Chrétien-Desmarais, André Desmarais '73 and David Culver '39 in a letter to constituents.

"But to be as effective as we can be in support of our children's education and development, Selwyn House needs deeper financial roots to protect its independence and its ability to innovate. Like other leading schools, we need the financial independence that an endowment helps create.

"Today, our endowment ranks well below that of many other leading Canadian independent schools.

"We should be in the top ten, if not the top five. So I urge you to join us in making an investment in the future of Selwyn House. We are off to a great start, but we need your support to reach the \$12 million mark by the summer of 2008 and our ultimate goal of \$20 million."

At the time of this publication, the school had received \$12.8 M in gifts and pledges.



By Carol Manning, Middle School Director

**P**art of the interdisciplinary trip to England and France offered to students from Grades 7-11 over the March break was a visit to Selwyn College, Cambridge. Selwyn College at Cambridge University was the *alma mater* of both the first headmaster of Selwyn House, Captain Algernon Lucas, and the second headmaster, Mr. Colin Macaulay. The purpose of the trip to Cambridge was made in honour of the Selwyn House Centennial and the 125th anniversary of the founding of Selwyn College.

So it was that on the morning of Friday, March 14, twenty-one students, three faculty and members of the Advancement Office who were in London for the London Centennial Reunion set off for Cambridge. Upon arrival, the group from Selwyn House was warmly welcomed by Ms. Heather Kilpatrick from the Selwyn College Development Office. She led the group on a tour of the college grounds, the hall, and the chapel. Spring was well advanced; flowers bloomed, and the grass was a verdant green. The brick buildings, beautiful chapel, and the



**Capt. Algernon Lucas,  
Founder of Selwyn House School  
and student at Selwyn College,  
Cambridge**

archways gracing the courtyard evoked images of another era. Once the tour was complete, Mike Good, author of a recently published coffee table book about the first 125 years of Selwyn College's history, gave an interesting presentation on the college and, in particular, two of its students, Algernon Lucas and Colin Macaulay. He had located some interesting memorabilia in their archives. For students and faculty, Algernon Lucas and Colin Macaulay became more than the photographs on the wall and the spirits conjured up annually on Founder's Day. They were portrayed as young men who had lived, studied, and played sports at Selwyn College.

Selwyn House presented Selwyn College with a copy of *Selwyn House School: Celebrating 100 Years* and a copy of the painting of Selwyn House that currently hangs in the Rossy Agora, donated by the Class of 2002.

After the presentation, the photo above was taken to commemorate the occasion.

# 2008 Athletic Banquet

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**T**he 2008 edition of the annual Selwyn House Athletic Banquet was a unique event. Held in the Montreal Athletic Association gym with twice the usual number of guests, it was special not only because of the school's Centennial, but also because it celebrated several important milestones.

The occasion gave the department an opportunity to bid farewell to retiring Headmaster Will Mitchell, who has been a staunch supporter of athletics at Selwyn House since he came to the school in 1985. Athletic Director Steve Mitchell presented the headmaster with a round of golf on his favourite course, Augusta, Georgia. He also gave him a painting of the 12th hole at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, and a new set of clubs.

The Athletic Department also bade farewell to retiring Senior history teacher and hockey coach Tom Nicoll, giving him a framed sweater of his favourite player, Steve Yzerman.

Two families who have supported the school's athletic program were also similarly honoured. The family of Selwyn House parents Leonard and Sandra Schlemm received a plaque of athletic photos of their son Tyler 2008, in appreciation for equipping the school's workout room with state-of-the-art fitness equipment. For their years of outstanding involvement in Selwyn House athletics, the family of Alex and Maria Zammit received an autographed jersey from Torrey Mitchell 2002, who just completed his first NHL season with the San Jose Sharks.

A new annual award for the school, the David Tobias Team Award, was presented by alumni parent David Tobias to the captains of the Juvenile Gryphon hockey team, who won 11 straight GMAA games after Christmas for a 24-8-1 season, finishing second in their division and making the playoffs for the first time in six years.

David is the father of Norman Tobias '70, a member of the Selwyn House Board of Directors.

Described by all of his coaches as "a very conditioned, intelligent and determined leader," Evan Sequeira 2008 received the McMaster Trophy, which is presented annually to a graduating student who has been judged by the Athletic Department to have demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship, leadership, skill and enthusiasm during the school year.

For his "competitive presence and spirit" in soccer (MVP), basketball and rugby, David Smith 2012 received the Cassils Memorial Trophy, presented to the Grade 7 athlete of the year.

Selwyn House received four banners this year: in Varsity hockey, Bantam football, cross-country skiing and tennis.

For more information and photos from the 2008 Athletic Banquet, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



**Top photo, left to right: Headmaster Will Mitchell, retired Selwyn House Board Member Duncan Campbell '69 and Senior School Director Shawn O'Donnell present the McMaster Trophy to Evan Sequeira 2008. Bottom photo: Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Campbell and Middle School Director Carol Manning present the Cassils Cup to David Smith 2012.**



# Old Boys at Career Day

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor and  
Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations

**S**even Old Boys took part in this year's Career Day, an event that gives Grade 11 students a personal view into the reality of the working world. Those taking part were:

## Tiff Macklem '78

Tiff was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Finance last November. In this capacity, Tiff serves as Canada's Finance Deputy at the G-7, G-20, and the Financial Stability Forum. Before that, Tiff served as Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada since 2004.

## John Hallward '78

Formerly a marketing expert with Procter & Gamble and Johnson & Johnson, John is now Director of Global Product Development for Ipsos ASI. In his new book, *Gimme! The Human Nature of Successful Marketing*, John explores our evolutionary traits to help marketers, brand managers, public relations professionals, advertising executives, and even politicians better tap into primary human motivations.

## Jeremy Adler '96

Jeremy is a Canadian diplomat who has worked for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade since 2002. He is currently the executive assistant to a senior official whose files include international security issues such as disarmament, intelligence, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, and counter-terrorism. His previous assignments have taken him to Washington, Sudan, Nigeria, Cyprus and Lebanon.

## Kurt Johnson '83

Kurt is a lawyer with experience in both large and small firms, having appeared before all levels of court in Quebec, the Federal Court of Canada and many administrative tribunals. Kurt is a sessional lecturer in Trial Advocacy at McGill University's Faculty of Law and has been involved in many interesting cases, including representing the estate of a Hell's



Tiff Macklem

Angels informant who was suing the government of Quebec.

## Jonathan Kay '85

Keynote speaker for Career Day, Jonathan is Comment Pages Editor and columnist for the *National Post*, as well as a regular contributor to *Commentary* magazine and the *New York Post*. His freelance articles have appeared in *Harper's*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The International Herald Tribune*, and *The Los Angeles Times*. With degrees in metallurgical engineering, economics and Japanese language, as well as a law degree from Yale, Jonathan worked in many fields before settling into journalism.

## Sam Gold '78

Sam is English Creative Director at Tam-Tam, the Montreal office of TBWA, an advertising firm that has over 250 offices in 75 countries. Its roster of clients includes Alcoa, Nissan, Canada Bread, Nivea, Sears, Apple and Solidarity Fund QFL. Before joining Tam-Tam, he held creative positions at Publicis-BCP, Cossette and Young & Rubicam.

## Alex Hyder '77

After completing his master's degree in engineering, Alex worked at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston as a robotics simulation engineer on the Space Shuttle Mission Control team. Over the years, he has moved more into the field of software development, and now produces video games for Electronic Arts in Montreal.

Non-Old Boys taking part in Career Day were: Erahm Christopher, Dr. Michael D. Buschmann, Dr. Kenneth Shaw, François Julien, Anwar Stewart, Bryan Chiu and Marc Garneau.

For more on Career Day, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



John Hallward



Jeremy Adler



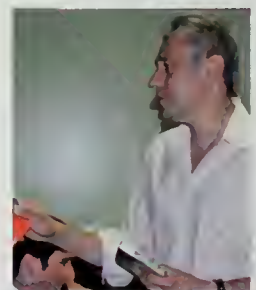
Kurt Johnson



Jonathan Kay



Sam Gold



Alex Hyder

# Prizegiving Number 99

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**H**eadmaster Will Mitchell opened the school's 99th Prizegiving Ceremony by describing 2007-2008 as "a year of contrasts," a time of celebrations and challenges, but above all a year of growth.

The opening of the school year marked the beginning of "a year of joyous celebration" to observe the school's Centennial. "The aim of those celebrations has been to celebrate 100 years of excellence in education, to connect and re-connect with all of our constituencies, to have fun and to launch the Centennial Endowment Fund," said Mr. Mitchell.

On his acknowledged "24th and last Secondary School closing ceremony," the outgoing headmaster was surprised to receive his own diploma—as an honorary graduate of Selwyn House.

In a tip of the mortarboard to his successor, Mr. Mitchell expressed certainty that incoming headmaster Hal Hannaford will also be very aware of what Mr. Mitchell learned, that "It is the people who make great institutions."

"Today is our day," Head Prefect David McLeod told his fellow graduates, recounting a brief history of what it was like to be in the first class to use laptops all through Grades 7-11. Echoing Mr. Mitchell's sentiments, David reminded his audience that "It's the people—not the buildings—that make a school what it is."

"One chapter in our life is over," David told his classmates. "Another one is just about to begin. Enjoy writing it."



**Above: In honour of his imminent retirement, Headmaster Mitchell receives a special diploma from Board Chairman Ted Claxton.**

**Below left: David McLeod receives the Lucas Medal.**

**Below right: Trevor Hooton receives the Jeffrey Russel Prize.**

**For a complete prize list and photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).**





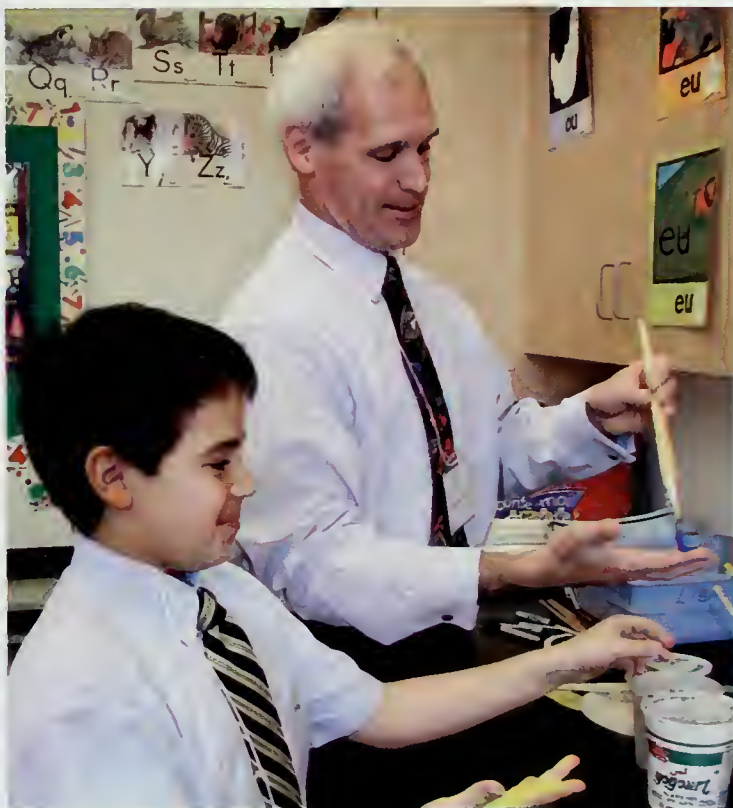
Grade 5 student John Molson, his mother, Dr. Miriam Molson, and his father, John Molson, performed the official unveiling of the commemorative book.

# Selwyn House launches Centennial History Book

**A**t the Founder's Day Centennial launch the school unveiled *Selwyn House School - Celebrating 100 Years*, a large-format commemorative book recapping memories of the Selwyn House experience over the past 100 years. Because the Molson family sponsored the creation of the book, Grade 5 student John Molson and his parents performed the official unveiling.

"The book was made possible through the generosity of the Molson Family," Mr. Mitchell said. "At least one member of the Molson family has been enrolled in each of the school's 10 decades."

# Centennial Pen Pal Project



Michael Kounadis 2015 and Tim Fitzpatrick '77

**I**n celebration of its Centennial year, Selwyn House School has created a Pen Pal Program, in which current students write and receive letters from Old Boys. Its purpose is to bring together generations of Selwyn House boys and allow them to share stories about their time at the school. One of three organized pen pal visits took place this past April. Old Boys were invited by their student pen pal to join them for either lunch or breakfast and take a tour of the school as it is today. This activity is definitely fulfilling its purpose for all involved. Here are some testimonials from Old Boys who are participating and attended the pen pal visit in April:

"I want you to know that I had an enjoyable time with Michael. He was a delight to be with, and we had a great tour of the school. Thanks again, and I hope that all students turn out like Michael."

—Tim Fitzpatrick '77

"Nicolas is a delightful young man. Despite our difference in age, we found a lot of common ground in our interests and discussion."

—Fil Papich '77

If you are interested in participating in this Centennial Celebration activity please contact Vanessa Ferreira-Valente, Centennial Celebration Coordinator at 514-931-9481 ext. 2292 or via e-mail at [valentev@selwyn.ca](mailto:valentev@selwyn.ca).

# OBA news



**New members: Geoffrey Moore '83, Charles Bierbrier '93 and Mark Palayew '76.**  
Absent from photo: Ben Wearing '94.



**Honourary Old Boys, from left: Sharon Cozens, Mark and Lisa Smith, Alex and Maria Zammit**

Retiring Old Boys' Association board members: Bill Black '86 and Hagen Mehnert '84.

New members: Charles Bierbrier '93, Geoffrey Moore '83, Mark Palayew '76 and Ben Wearing '94.

Standing members: Paul Mayer '74 (President), David Skinner '82 (VP/Secretary), Fil Papich '77 (Past President), Alan Rossy '79 (Treasurer), Raymond Ayas '95, Matthew

Beckerleg '94, Thomas Konigsthal '74, Michael Osterland '78 and Nicholas Powell '79.

Chapter Representatives for 2007-08: Tim Shorter '81 (Australia), George Sopel '86 (Boston), Stephen Scott '77 (London), Michael Culver '67 (New York), Sean McKinnon '98 (Ottawa), Sean Sofin '84 (Toronto) and James Pitblado '81 (Vancouver).

## Upcoming Old Boy Events

Thursday, August 21, 2008:  
9th Annual Young Alum Barbecue  
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008:  
Wednesday night basketball resumes  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Macaulay gym

Friday, October 3 and 4, 2008:  
30th Annual Old Boys' Reunion and  
Centennial Homecoming Weekend  
Selwyn House School

Wednesday, October 15, 2008:  
Grade 11 OBA Induction Dinner  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

Thursday, November 6, 2008:  
Ottawa Old Boys' Reunion  
Time and Location TBC

Wednesday, November 26, 2008:  
Founder's Day / Centennial Closing  
6:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

Friday, December 19, 2008:  
Old Boys' Hockey Tournament  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Verdun Auditorium

Thursday, January 22, 2009:  
Colin No Basketball Classic  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Speirs Gym

Tuesday, January 27, 2009:  
Vancouver Old Boys' Reunion  
Time and Location TBC

Wednesday, January 28, 2009:  
Calgary Old Boys' Reunion  
Time and Location TBC

Thursday, February 19, 2009:  
New York Old Boys' Reunion  
Time and Location TBC

Thursday, March 5, 2009:  
London, England Old Boys' Reunion  
Time and Location TBC

Wednesday, April 22, 2009:  
Career Day  
8:30-11:30 a.m. Macaulay Building

Thursday, April 23, 2009:  
Toronto Old Boys' Reunion  
Time and Location TBC

Thursday, April 30, 2009:  
Black and Gold Gala (tentative)  
Time and Location TBC

Monday, May 25, 2009:  
Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament  
Location TBA

Tuesday, June 9, 2009:  
Old Boys' Tennis Tournament  
6:00 p.m. Hillside Tennis Club

# Old Boys' Association Academic Merit Scholarship awarded

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**G**eorge Perlman, Stephen Baxter, Jason Miller and Ulysses Alexander Pamel are the winners of the 2008 Grade 7 Academic Merit Scholarships, which were presented at an assembly of current Grade 6 students on March 3.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of each current Grade 6 student's combined scores on the French, English and math components of the scholarship exam held each February. Selwyn House Headmaster William Mitchell was on hand to present the scholarships, along with Director of Admission Nathalie Gervais and Elementary School Director Kathy Funamoto.

George Perlman, who recorded the highest



**George Perlman 2013 receives the OBA Academic Merit Scholarship from Headmaster Mitchell (left) and Old Boy Raymond Ayas '95.**

## Keep in touch with Selwyn House

**For SHS Old Boys,  
current and former staff,  
current and alumni parents.**

The best way to hear about what's happening within the Selwyn House community is to register on the Alumni & Friends E-mail Directory.

Go to [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) and click on the Alumni heading to sign up now. Please be sure to indicate your geographical region (chapter) so that you receive detailed information about chapter reunions held around the world.

Once registered, you'll receive the latest school news, information about upcoming events, updates on your classmates, their life milestones and successes, and much more! You can also find e-mail addresses for fellow alum that you have lost touch with.

If you have moved or if you have any news about graduations, career changes, recent travels, births and marriages, please contact Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations, at 514-931-9481 ext. 2228 or [cprieur@selwyn.ca](mailto:cprieur@selwyn.ca).

*Veritas* magazine is printed annually in the summer. All stories and updates also appear on our website under a password protected page for the SHS community only. Instructions on how to access this page are e-mailed to all those on the Alumni & Friends E-mail Directory. Submissions are welcome any time throughout the year.

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marks on the exam, received the Old Boys' Association Academic Merit Scholarship, which consists of \$2,500 each year as the winner advances through Grades 7-11.

Old Boys' Association board member Raymond Ayas '95 was on hand to present the Old Boys' award and explain to the Grade 6 students what the "network of friendship" called the Old Boys' Association is all about.

"We stay together," he said, "not only to help the school financially, but to help protect and advise the school. We want you to be part of us when you graduate."

# Parent Volunteer Association

By Leigh Guerriero, PVA Chair

It was another busy and exciting year for the PVA, as a "Centennial spin" was added to each event.

The year started with Spirit Day, which saw hundreds of people treated to a barbecue, athlete autograph signing, a

reptile show, and great circus acts, to name just some of the activities.

During Teacher Appreciation Week, the staff was treated to a luncheon, and in keeping with the school's "green initiative," they received green slips and mugs with their names on them, which

will eliminate the need for disposable cups.

In April we held a very successful fundraiser, "Latin Nights," which raised \$1,450,168. The evening featured a spirited auction led by auctioneer and future SHS Headmaster Hal Hannaford. It also featured a Latin nightclub with dancing to the Gypsy Kings Tribute Band. It was a great evening for the school and all who attended.

In May, the annual Jazz Cabaret was held under the direction of Jaime McMillan. This year several Old Boy musicians performed with the school's band to mark the Centennial and make it a memorable evening.

It was, once again, a very busy and fulfilling year, and thank you to the many volunteers who participated and made it all possible. We look forward to what next year will bring!



**PVA Executive for 2008-2009, from left: Lisa Osterland, Martha Fitzpatrick, Christine Cachia, Lisa Teolis, Rosemary Clarke, Mylène Francescon-Ellis, Leigh Guerriero (chair) and Heather Rochette, PVA Coordinator**

## Will Mitchell receives Award of Merit from Athletic Association

At the organization's annual awards banquet on May 13, the Board of Governors of the Greater Montreal Athletic Association presented their Award of Merit to Selwyn House Headmaster Will Mitchell. In his presentation speech, West Island College Headmaster Bob Maks, seen here presenting the award to Mr. Mitchell, reminded the audience that Mr. Mitchell was "a top-level athlete" and a team captain in his high school and university days, and continues to be an avid player of squash, tennis and golf.

"Will...assisted for many years on the [GMAA] Code of Ethics Committee as well as representing private schools on the GMAA Board of Governors," said Mr. Maks.

"He always expected our students to run a straight race and demonstrate respect for opponents and officials, win or lose."

Present to join in honouring their headmaster were: Selwyn House Senior School Director Shawn O'Donnell, Athletic Director Steve Mitchell and coaches Alfie Paoletti, Steve Colwell, Peter Govan, Jean Pruneau and Marty Boyle.



## Three key teachers

# RETIRE

**T**hree quintessential Selwyn House teachers who have helped define the Selwyn House experience for decades of students retired this year: Senior history teacher and hockey coach Tom Nicoll, Senior math teacher and tennis coach Andy Lumsden, and Elementary teacher Irene Lunt.



In the photo at upper right Tom receives a framed Steve Yzerman sweater. From left: SHS Old Boy and San Jose Sharks centre Torrey Mitchell 2002, Tom, Headmaster Will Mitchell and Athletic Director Steve Mitchell, who coached alongside Tom for years.

In the photo at immediate right, Irene Lunt receives a standing ovation during her send-off at the Elementary School Closing.

At far right, Andy Lumsden receives a photo of Roger Federer at the 2006 U.S. Open from Steve Mitchell, in appreciation for his years as head tennis coach at SHS.



## Five receive 25-Year honour

On Founder's Day, the Old Boys' Association honoured five retired faculty or staff members for contributing a minimum of 25 years of service to the school. This year's inductees to the "Wall of Fame" are: David Cude, Bruce Glasspoole, Monty Krindle, Marc Krushelnyski and Jack Martin.

## Old Boys. teachers join Cum Laude Society

At the Founder's Day ceremonies on November 22, 2007, 16 people were inducted into the Cum Laude Society. Inducted from the Class of 2007 were: Bryan Altman, Kamran Chaudhry, Justin Hagen, Patrick Levy, Andrew Pancer and Andrej Pavlovic. Inducted from the Class of 2008 were: Ryan Altman, Vinay Desai, Louis Gervais, Trevor Hooton, Justin Leopold, David McLeod, Adam Wathier and Christopher Wong. Teachers Carole Rasmussen and Dean Phillips were also inducted.

## Corrections from Veritas 06-07

On page 24 of the 2006-2007 issue of *Veritas*, in the article on the 2007 Toronto Chapter Reunion, David Marler '70 was mistakenly identified as Stewart Patch '69.

On page 31, the following were omitted from the list of members of the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament committee: Paul Mayer '74, Hagen Mehnert '84, Fil Papich '77, and current parents Bill Shannon and Sheila Jablonski.

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1957



**Kerry Martin '57** writes: "Although I wouldn't want to live there, memory lane is well worth an occasional visit. This past Friday Chris Hyde, Max Ferro, Allan Wakefield and I were at the SHS

Old Boys' Reunion. I had seen Chris occasionally at McGill and once since, but otherwise we hadn't gotten together for several decades. So it was a fascinating evening of reminiscing and catching up on what we've each been doing over the past half-century.

"As you may know I taught at SHS for four years, then moved to Ridley for 24 before retiring and moving back to Montreal in 2000. Since I'm living on Côte-des-Neiges just above Sherbrooke it's a definite return to my roots; in fact I just drove up Redpath past where the school used to be."

**Peter Nobbs '57** writes: "Wishing all my classmates a successful 50th reunion. Sorry I can't join you. I'm sending this from the library lounge of the *MS Volendam*, now in the port of Vancouver, midway between Ketchikan and San Diego, on a trip booked before I knew about the party. I hope I will be able to read a full report in *Veritas* and to plan better timing around the next reunion. All the best."



**Max L. Ferro '57** writes: "After leaving SHS in 1957 and attending TCS, I put in six endless years at hard labour at the McGill University Architecture School. After declining an acceptance to King's

College, Cambridge, for my PhD (as no one bothered to point out that I would have been Prince Charles' architectural tutor), I moved to Boston to join the firm of Henry Hobson Richardson, the

'Father of American Architecture.'

"Today, I am still a practicing architect, historical architect and architectural historian based in Weare, New Hampshire, and Brandon, Vermont, involved in the restoration and conservation of historic buildings.

"I was an Assistant Professor at Boston University and the University of Vermont for 15 years, and a frequent visiting lecturer at Harvard, Yale, MIT, and universities throughout the US and Canada. In 1987, I was made a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, an honour that is frequently awarded posthumously, so I am grateful to be still ticking in spite of an expertise in fine food and wine that far exceeds my design credentials.

"My wife, Janie, is a fundraiser and museum director. Daughters Bianca and Sarah are the source of equal joy, even when far away and possessed by their own lives and ambitions.



**Christopher Hyde '57** writes: "After Selwyn House, I attended TCS and then earned a BA at McGill, followed by an MA at Cambridge University. While at Cambridge, I was an active member and

Secretary of the Footlights Dramatic Club, where Eric Idle of Monty Python fame was president, with John Cleese, Graham Chapman, David Frost and Peter Cook also as members.

"Returning to Montreal, I joined P.S. Ross Management Consultants (now Deloitte Consultants) working in Montreal, London UK and Halifax over seven years.

"I then joined Frandevcor Ventures, later moving on to Credit Foncier for 12 years, and then to Schroder Ventures in 1987.

"In 1989, I made a major career shift, becoming Associate Vice Rector, Advancement and Institutional Relations, at Concordia University for 11 years, where I launched a major

capital campaign that raised some \$80 million. Over the years in Montreal, I served as President of the Montreal General Hospital Research Institute and as a Director of the Canadian Club, a Selwyn House board member and a director of several companies and clubs. "In 2000, I was recruited to go to Toronto as CEO of the World Wildlife Canada Foundation. These were interesting and challenging years, as environmental issues became more and more core political mainstream issues requiring substantially increased philanthropic and other financial resources.

"I retired in 2005. My wife, Nancy, is an accomplished artist and our daughter, Nicola, is studying Arts at McGill. We split our time between Montreal and Knowlton."

**Richard Leach '57** writes:

"It has been actually about 52 years (I did not graduate from Selwyn House) since I have had any contact with anyone from the school, except for some brief contacts at McGill. Despite the passage of time, many of the names on the Old Boys' list are very familiar.

"Living out here on Vancouver Island, I do not see myself making the reunion in Montreal, but I wish you all success for it."

**Judge Brian Saunderson '57** writes: "After wasting much time and taxpayers' money at McGill dithering about what I wanted to do, I grabbed a BA and headed for UBC law school in 1966, where I found I enjoyed studying law and debating matters legal.

"On graduation, I articulated and practised law in Vancouver, then moved to Vancouver Island in 1974 to join a friend's law firm in Campbell River, a town of about 15,000 souls then, and double that now. I was appointed to the Provincial Court bench in 1991, and have thanked my lucky stars ever since.

"My wife and I live on small acreage with 150 yards of riverfront, a 20-minute drive from the courthouse. She has two horses and a donkey, to all of

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which I am highly allergic. And that's my story and I'm sticking to it. Life in the country is good. Nothing could persuade me to move back into a city."

## 1961

**Michael Hearne '61** writes: "I am unable to attend the Old Boys reunion as my daughter is getting married that day and we are having a party to end all parties. I would really have enjoyed the reunion and will make every effort to visit in the very near future. My family and I live in Kansas City, Missouri."

## 1970

**Matthew Elder '70** has launched a corporate communications firm, Sensible Communications, specializing in the financial services industry. After 30 years of employment at various media organizations, including the *Montreal Gazette*, *The Financial Post* and most recently *Morningstar Canada* (where he was Vice President, Content), Matthew decided to take advantage of the growing corporate trend toward the outsourcing of communications work. In addition to serving fund companies, banks, insurers and professional firms, Matthew has targeted the transportation, retail/merchandising and hospitality industries.

## 1978



**Tiff Macklem '78** has been appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Finance, effective November 2007. He serves as Canada's Finance Deputy at the G-7, G-20, and the Financial Stability Forum. Tiff had been serving as Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada since 2004, having joined the central bank in 1984 and serving in several senior positions, including Assistant Chief of the Research Department, Research Adviser, and Chief of the Research Department. In spite of now having left the Bank of Canada, Tiff is reportedly

still seen as a prime candidate to become Governor of the Bank some time in the future. Tiff earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Queen's University and a master's degree and PhD in economics from the University of Western Ontario.

## 1981



**Jamie Pitblado '81** commends the volunteers who put their heads on the chopping block for the third annual Shave to Save to raise money for breast cancer research.

"I, too, shaved my head three and one-half years ago in honour of my brother, David '79, who lost his battle shortly after. As a student of SHS, David made a significant contribution to the school. I am happy to report that my fundraising in support of the BC Children's Hospital and their cancer program raised \$25,000 in the process."



**Tim Shorter '81** was married in September 2006.

## 1983

**Geoffrey Adams '83** writes:

"In the last couple of years, I have put more effort into supporting causes outside of our borders, specifically in Africa. In August of 2007, I travelled to Uganda to better understand the situation on the ground in Africa, and more specifically, northern Uganda. I started this 'research' in late 2005 after a 14-year career in the investment/securities industry. I found I was equally fascinated by the humanitarian side of the issues and the economic/business development angle. I found a charitable

organization doing the type of sustainable and comprehensive work I had come to believe in: Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief – [www.cpar.ca](http://www.cpar.ca). I joined a study tour of nine people from Canada and England, and we visited a variety of projects on the ground in Kampala and northern Uganda. The topics covered HIV/AIDS, water and sanitation, food security, land mine survival education, peacebuilding, child soldiers, night commuters, etc. In November, I am travelling to Burkina Faso along with a surgical team from the Sainte-Justine Hospital...but that's a whole other story."



**James Soutar '83** recently emailed us from his home in China. "My wife and I did not make it to Montreal for Christmas this year for the very happy reason that we just had

a son in November. Instead, our whole family came out here, which was great fun. Our son's name is Alistair William Eugene Soutar, born November 17, 2007."

## 1986



**Greg Fergus '86** has been named national director of the Liberal Party of Canada, taking over from Jamie Carroll. The announcement was made in October 2007 by Liberal Party President Marie

Poulin. Greg was president of the Young Liberals of Canada, and worked for cabinet ministers Pierre Pettigrew and Jim Peterson. Greg leaves a position with Rx&D, a national association of employees of Canada's research-based pharmaceutical companies.

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Selwyn House School was well represented at Montreal's Notre Dame Basilica on August 25th, 2007 for the wedding of Maria Farella and Vincenzo Guzzo '86. In

attendance from SHS were: Michael Penner '86 (Member, SHS Board of Directors), Paul Mayer '74 (President, Old Boys' Association), David Skinner '82 (OBA VP/Secretary), Alan Rossy '79 (OBA Treasurer), Thomas Konigsthal Jr '74 (OBA Board Member) and son Diego, Angelo Guzzo 2015, Vittorio-Emanuele Guzzo 2017, Vito Guzzo (2022), Luca Di Battista 2017, Angelo Rizzolo 2012, Vincent Rizzolo 2017, Julian Cucciniello 2017, Jessie Caruso 2017, and Samuel Skinner 2014.

## 1989

War was declared May 9 when *Prom Wars*, a movie written by Myles Hainsworth '89 opened to rave reviews. Directed by Phil Price, brother of Alex '98, the film contains many scenes shot at Selwyn House in November 2006 and features music by Montreal's Pony Up. In the movie, boys from the "fictional" schools of Selby House and Lancaster College compete for the attentions of students from a local girls' school, called Miss Aversham and Miss Cronstall's School for Girls. Sound familiar? Miles and Phil have collaborated on two previous films, *Summer* and *Hatley High*, which also contained scenes shot at Selwyn House.

Nicolas Papageorgiou '89 and his wife, Soizic Ressot, are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Thomas, on June 29, 2007. Nicolas presently holds the positions of Associate Professor of Finance at HEC Montreal and Director of Research at Desjardins Global Asset Management.

## 1990

Henry Buszard '90 and fellow artist ARPi, who last year inaugurated Pointe St. Charles' Espace les Neuf Soeurs with the very successful Banque d'Art, returned to this newly renovated space last December with an original exhibition, entitled HERE and NOW.



Paul Starke '90 had a very eventful year. In January, he co-wrote the Number-One *New York Times* Bestseller *An Inconvenient Book*; in April, he and his wife, Melissa, had a

baby boy, Luke Franklin Starke; and in June, he won his first Emmy award for producing "The Tyra Banks Show." Paul says it's all downhill from here!

## 1991



Damion Stodola '91 writes: "I have exciting news that I wanted to share with the entire Selwyn House community: I got married! My bride is the lovely Amanda Hanks. We

were married on September 29th at the Massawippi Union Church in Hatley, followed by a reception at the Ripplecove Inn on the shores of Lake Massawippi. Amanda is a ballet dancer with the New York City Ballet, and, thankfully, the time she had off for the wedding coincided with the fall season in Québec. Amanda and I are still living in Manhattan. Anyway, I hope all is well."

## 1992



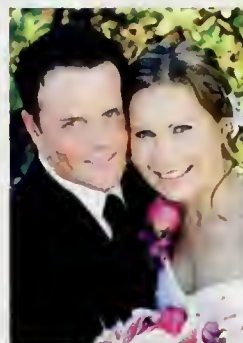
Former Selwyn House teacher Roger Nincheri writes: "My daughter Tracy and I were in Florence, Italy, looking at the statues in the Loggia dei Lanzi when I heard a voice say, 'Mr.

Nincheri, what are doing here?' It was Matthew Adler '92, who had come to Italy to visit a friend who had just gotten married.

"In September I will be touring the Maritimes, taking photographs of my grandfather Guido's churches, as we are doing an exhibit of his works on the campus of Moncton University's Acadian Museum that runs from September 17 through December.

*Editor's Note: Roger's grandfather, Guido Nincheri, sometimes called Canada's Michelangelo, was a world-renowned artist whose stained-glass windows and frescoes adorn many churches in Canada and the U.S.*

## 1994



Mark Belanger '94 married Leisa Belanger (née Rattray) in beautiful, sunny Maui on Wailea beach at the Four Seasons Hotel, on October 24, 2007.

After graduating from Selwyn

House in 1994, Mark went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) at Queen's University and his Juris Doctorate of Law at New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. Mark has been practising law with Roger Ellingson, P.S. in Washington State for the past four years in the area of civil litigation, family law and criminal defence. As of next year, Mark will have obtained his license

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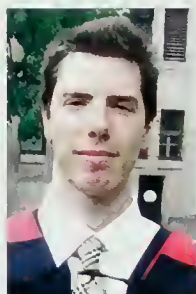
to practice law in British Columbia and plans to move his practice north of the border to Vancouver. The couple have recently purchased a new home in Vancouver and plan to move into their residence as of April 2008.

This spring, **Daniel Roiter '94** received his MBA from Northwestern University in Illinois.

## 1996

**Sean Coristine '96** writes: "I'd just like to announce that my lovely fiancée, Nikola Rozario, and I were married in Sydney, Australia on January 13. Afterwards we went to Thailand for our honeymoon. The wedding day was a lot of fun, and the two of us are looking forward to married life together in Australia as Nikola continues in her position as a life insurance actuary and I start my career as a strategic consultant, after finishing my MBA this June."

## 1999

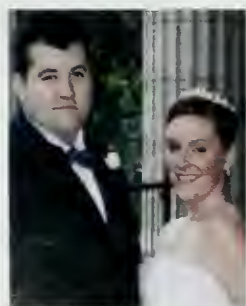


**Josh Wisenthal '99** has graduated from law school *cum laude*.

## 2000

**Matt Munzar 2000** writes: "I received my Masters of Financial Economics

from U of T in December 2006, after a semester on exchange at Université Paris-Dauphine in Paris. I just recently began full-time employment with RBC Capital Markets on the trading floor in Toronto."



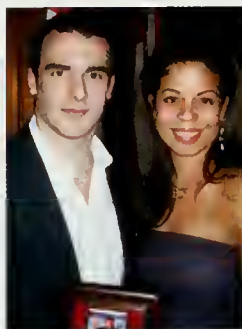
**Jeremie Clarke 2000** has sent us a photo of his wedding in October 2007.

**Enrico Quilico 2000** is a volunteer with an organization

named Think First, which has visited

Selwyn House and other schools promoting safety on the roads. Enrico recounts the horrors of a 2006 motorcycle accident that left him with brain injuries, as well as the inspirational account of his recovery.

## 2002



In March, **Alex Bussandri 2002** was named as the first person ever to receive the Dr. Strachan Hartley Memorial Trophy, which will be awarded annually to the McGill Redmen

football player who best demonstrates athletic ability, academic excellence and leadership on the field and in community activity. Alex is a three-time Academic All-Canadian and Principal's Honour Roll member. He is seen in the photo accepting the award from Chloe Roumain-Hartley.

## 2005

**Jason Coviensky 2005** has been accepted into the Kenneth Woods Portfolio Management Program at Concordia University's John Molson School of Business. Started in 2000, the two-year program brings together an elite group of undergraduate finance students to be trained in investment management. Working closely with top professors in JMSB's Finance Department, with a client committee and a group of industry leaders as mentors, the KWPM student portfolio managers work with a real-life portfolio that is now worth \$1.4 million.

**Harry Gurberg 2005** stopped by the school recently to see Headmaster Mitchell. Harry is working as a manager for Student Works, a student-only painting company that paints over 10,000 homes a summer in Canada, and over 30,000 in the United States. Student Works managers have a history of being hired by a number of major

corporations. Harry is one of 150 managers chosen from 5,000 applicants. His crews paint mostly—but not exclusively—in Westmount. After graduating from Selwyn House, Harry went to Marianopolis in commerce, and is now in his first year at McGill in economics.

## 2006

We received a letter from Peter Hinrichsen, father of **Robert Hinrichsen 2006**, who is studying at Phillips Exeter Academy. Robert has been accepted at Oxford University to study law at Brazenose College in a four-year international program. This program, to which only 10 per cent of Oxford law students are admitted, will mean that Robert will spend his third year at Paris University studying French law, before returning to Oxford for his final year. Despite his ambition to study law, Robert is presently taking courses in university-level mathematics, and will be taking one in quantum theory next summer. "The excellent education that he received during his 12 years at Selwyn House laid the foundation and engendered the love of learning in Robert on which his further development at Phillips Exeter was built," Peter writes.

## Send us your NEWS!

We want to know the latest on your recent marriage, your family additions, your graduations, your career changes, your recent travels or any other interesting events in your life.

Your classmates, former teachers and other members of the Selwyn House community are eager to read about you in Alumni Updates.

Please contact Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations, at 514-931-9481 ext. 2228 or [prieur@selwyn.ca](mailto:prieur@selwyn.ca).

# Alumni OBITUARIES



**Lt.-General Robert William Moncel '26** OC, OBE, DSO, CD, *Legion d'Honneur*, *Croix de Guerre avec Palme*, LLD, died at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on December 10, 2007, in his ninety-first year. He was predeceased by his parents, René Edouard and Edith (Brady) Moncel, his wife of many years Nancy

Allison Bell (Billie), daughter Renée, and sisters Marguerite and Renée.

After attending Selwyn House, Robert went on to Bishop's College School and McGill University. He joined the Militia (Victoria Rifles) in 1937, and when World War II broke out, he went overseas in 1939 with the 1st Canadian Infantry Division as a platoon commander in the Royal Canadian Regiment. In June 1940, he and his platoon were among a very small group of Canadians who actually landed in France before the expedition to reinforce the allies.

In August 1944, he became Canada's youngest World War II General when he assumed command of the 4th Canadian Armoured Brigade in Normandy, which he continued to Command until VE Day in Germany.

General Moncel was invested as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his services with Headquarters 2nd Canadian Corps, and the Distinguished Service Order for personal gallantry and leadership in the Hochwald fighting in Germany. His citation for the latter notes that the gallant bearing of this officer and the complete disregard for his own personal safety were an inspiration to all troops under his command and the successful outcome of the attack was in great measure due to his vigorous leadership. He was mentioned in dispatches for his valour in the Battle of Falaise, and the French government made him a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour with the award of the *Croix de Guerre*.

After the war, General Moncel continued his military career at Army Headquarters in Ottawa and became the first Director of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, after which he was appointed Director of Military Training. He served as the Army member of the Canadian joint staff in London as a Brigadier, and the joint secretary observed that when the Chairman wished opinion on matters of substance, the other members invariably wanted to know "What does Bob Moncel think?" Bob served as Deputy Chief of General Staff at Army Headquarters in Ottawa, after which he was appointed Senior Canadian Military Officer to the Canadian Delegation on the International Control Commission in Indochina and the acting Canadian Commissioner of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam (ICSC). He returned to Canada to Command 3 Canadian Infantry Brigade in New Brunswick. Subsequently, in the rank of Major-General, he became the Quartermaster General of the Canadian Army in Ottawa and, later, the General Officer Commanding Eastern Command in Halifax. On promotion to Lieutenant-General, he became the first Comptroller-

General of the Canadian Armed Forces and later, was appointed Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff.

**Ian Andrew Barclay '34** died on June 7, 2008, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Ann, daughter Debbie (David) Rollins, sister Joan (John) Drummond and brother-in-law Peter (Joan) Hadrill, as well as granddaughters nieces, nephews and cousins who were an important part of his life.

Ian was born in Montreal to Jean (Fleck) and Mr. Justice Gregor Barclay and was educated at Selwyn House and Ashbury College, Ottawa. In 1939, he enrolled at McGill and in 1941 he joined the Royal Canadian Navy. He was loaned to the Royal Navy as a combined OPS Commando and served in the North African and Sicily campaigns, as well as the Normandy invasion on D-Day. After the war, Ian returned to McGill, where he completed his law degree and then obtained his MPA at Harvard. After a year of practising law in Montreal, Ian, Ann and Debbie moved to Vancouver, where he started a long career in the forest industry with Columbia Cellulose. In 1964, he joined B.C. Forest Products, where he stayed until retiring in 1984 as their CEO. Ian served on the Economic Council of Canada as well as many boards including the United Way, Hudson's Bay Co., The Royal Bank of Canada and Northern Telecom.

One of his proudest achievements was being a member of the Navy team that won the Grey Cup in 1944. His interest in football continued as he became president of the B.C. Lions and the Western Football Conference.

**Charles M. Harris '36** died in Montreal on September 25, 2007 at the age of eighty-seven. He will be very sadly missed by his three children, Susan Lister, Mary-Anne (Peter) Morrison and Jim (Karen), his step-sons Michael and Marcus (Andrea) Johnston, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Charlie was a Veteran of WWII, having served in the RCAF, he was President and owner of A.F. King Press and was very active in the community of Montreal West. His many friends remember him for his kindness, generosity, cheerfulness and his joy of life. Charlie was predeceased by his first wife, Joan (Holland), and his second wife, Cynthia (Mellanby).



**Dal Russel '26** died November 20 at his home in Knowlton following a stroke, three weeks before he turned 91. His obituary in the *Gazette* describes Dal as one of Canada's great Second World War fighter pilots, having flown 286 operational sorties during the war, shooting down five and a half enemy aircraft during the Battle of Britain and coming home without a scratch. He was considered so lucky his ground crew nicknamed him Dead-Eye Dick and had the ace of spades painted on the fuselage of his Spitfire aircraft.

# OBITUARIES

The son of a family-owned steel finishing manufacturer, Blair Dalzell Russel was born in Toronto, Dec. 9, 1916, moved to Montreal as an infant and went to Selwyn House and Trinity College School. He learned to fly at the Montreal Light Flying Club in a Gypsy Moth single-engine biplane. He was working for Dominion Steel and Coal in Toronto in 1939 when the war began and he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

At 22, he was one of the youngest officers to go overseas with Fighter Squadron No. 1, and at 23, was one of the first Canadians to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. During the war, Dal wrote several articles about his experiences for the *Gazette*, including one about Sept. 15, 1940, when he and other RCAF pilots officially shot down 185 aircraft, with many more kills unconfirmed.

Back in Canada, Dal took a cut in rank from Wing Commander to Squadron Leader so he could return to Britain and fly Spitfires. He won the bar to his DFC for escorting bomber missions without the loss of a single aircraft, and King George VI presented him with the Distinguished Service Order in 1944.

Later he received the French *Croix de Guerre* with Silver Star, was decorated by the Netherlands with the Order of Orange-Nassau with Swords, and given the Czech War Cross.

When the war ended, he married Lorraine MacKimmie and worked with Canadair as a senior sales executive and sat on the board of directors of John Labatt Ltd. In 1966, he and his wife bought Heaney's Linen Shop, which used to be on Mountain St. They retired to Vermont in 1981, and moved to Knowlton in the early 1990s.

His wife died six years ago on their 55th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his children, Diana, Blair and Charles.

**John L. (Jock) McLennan '38** passed away on the evening of December 20, 2007. His memory will be cherished by Helen, his wife of sixty-one years, by his daughter Marian and son-in-law Trygve John Ringereide, his son Ian and partner M. Antoinette and by his niece Helen and extended family in Australia. Jock was born in Montreal on August 8, 1919, the only son of Guy S. McLennan, MC and Marjorie Fetherstonhaugh McLennan. He attended Selwyn House School and Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario. During the Second World War Jock served with the Royal Highland Regiment, The Black Watch, 1st Battalion, 5th Brigade, 2nd Division. He was wounded in Normandy in July 1944. The majority of Jock's working career was spent in various capacities with the Bank of Montreal, in Montreal. In 1971 he moved to Winnipeg as head of the Real Estate Department for the Prairie Region. Donations in Jock's memory to the Salvation Army would honour his lifelong respect for an institution he felt served the Canadian Forces so admirably during the Second World War.



**Lawrence David Rhea '45 M.D., F.R.C.S.** died peacefully December 27, 2007 at his home in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Hare, his dear daughters Celia (Donnie Shannon), Cynthia (Harry Woods) and Caroline (Costaki Economopoulos) and his beloved grandchildren William and Robert Woods and Matthew Shannon and by his former wife, Margery Harper. He was born in Montreal and was educated at Selwyn House, TCS and McGill University and graduated in medicine in 1956. He was in private practice as an obstetrician and gynecologist in Montreal for over twenty years and taught at the McGill Faculty of Medicine (as did his father Dr. Lawrence J. Rhea.) In 1979, he continued his practice at Tucson Medical Center in Arizona. He was a dedicated volunteer at the TMC Hospice for the six years following his retirement and a founding board member of The Individual Achievements Association for children with cerebral palsy.



**Kenneth Morland Matson '52 P. Eng.,** first president of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association, died on Sunday, April 20, 2008, aged seventy-two years. Husband of Carol (Buchanan), father of James (Carolyn), Bruce (Jane), Sarah (Rick) and Brenda (Les). Papa to Laura, Ryan, Alex, Liam, Mackenzie, Nicole, Riley and Zoe. Brother of Hugh Matson (Milly) of Winnipeg.



**Richard Eaman Udd '54** (at left) died October 1, 2007 in Stuart, Florida, age 67.



**Michael Henry Dunn '57** died suddenly during a trip to Zurich, Switzerland, on Saturday, September 1, 2007 at the age of 65. He was predeceased by his parents Winifred Munderloh and William Dunn. A former investment banker and book dealer, Michael moved from Montreal to Newport, Vermont in 1978, where he became deeply involved in community life. A director of both the Community National Bank and North Country Hospital, he was also on the Executive Committee of the Northeastern Vermont Development Association. He leaves a multitude of friends on both sides of the Canada-US border and overseas.

**Anthony Casullo '89** reportedly died in a fishing accident on July 29, 2007. His funeral was held on August 1 at the Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel Church in St. Leonard.

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Monday, October 6

School Tours: 5:00 to 8:00 pm

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## **See the School in Action!**

Join us for a School Tour at 8:30 am  
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## Reunion '08



### Selwyn House School 30th Annual Old Boys' Reunion and Centennial Old Boys' Homecoming Weekend October 3 & 4, 2008

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to campus in October in celebration of the school's 100th anniversary.

All Old Boys and their guests, former and current staff are welcome. We hope to see many of you celebrating a special anniversary year: 1958, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1998, and 2003.

#### Friday, October 3, 2008

5:00 p.m. Tours of the Selwyn House campus  
6:00 p.m. Cocktails  
7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting and Dinner  
9:30-11:30 p.m. Pub (cash bar)

#### Saturday, October 4, 2008

10:00 a.m. Tours of the Selwyn House campus  
12:00-3:00 p.m. Alumni Family BBQ in the courtyard and open gym

*The gym will be open for pick-up games of basketball and floor hockey for ages 8 and up. Dads get your running shoes ready! Play area for children under 8, must be accompanied by an adult.*

#### Tickets:

##### Reunion evening (Oct. 3):

\$50 by September 29, \$60 thereafter (tickets available at the door)  
\$25 for recent grads (2004-2008)  
Complimentary Dinner and Cash bar for former staff

##### Family BBQ (Oct. 4):

\$10 per Old Boy, \$15 per couple, \$25 per family (children under 18)  
Complimentary BBQ and Cash bar for former staff  
*Includes: One beer (adults only), soft drink, hamburger, hot dog, chips, salad, and a frozen treat.*

#### For more details and to register

Visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) and click on the Online Event Registration button.

*Cancellation: Full refund for all events before September 29. No refunds thereafter.*

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